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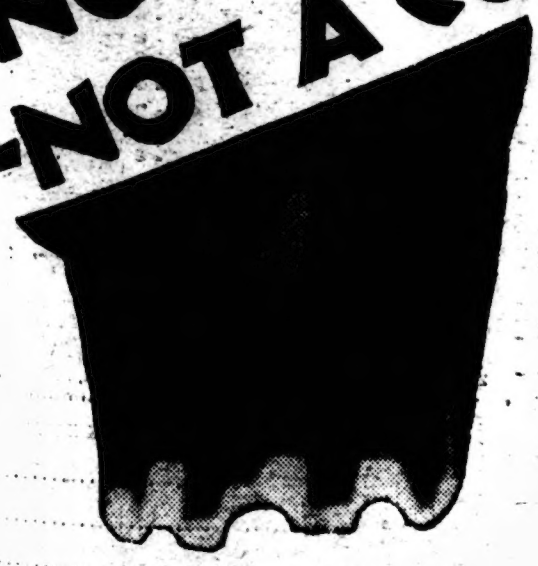

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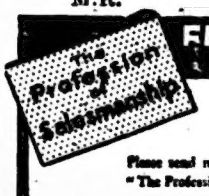

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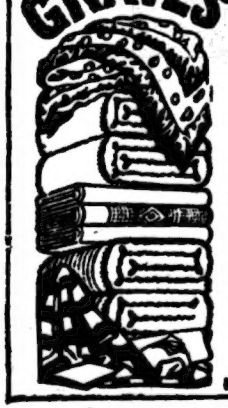

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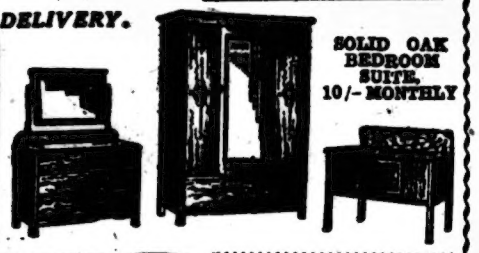

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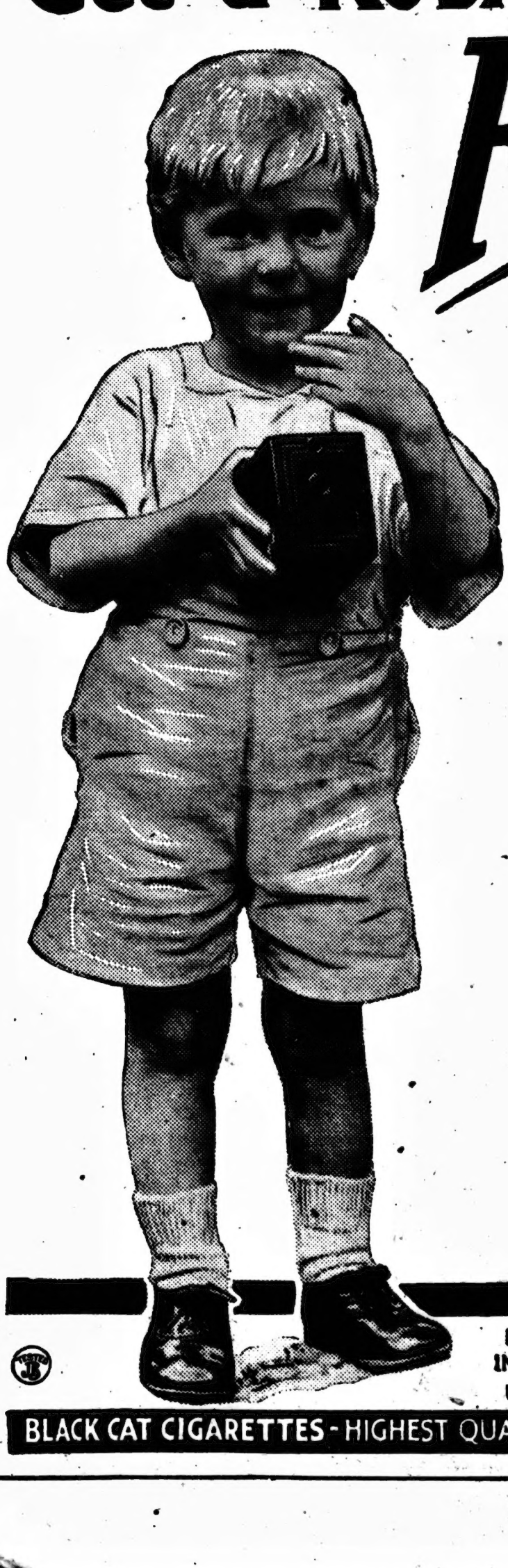

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The cat is out of the bag! Mr. Baldwin will appeal to the country on a real, full-blooded "tariffs-on-everything" programme. And if he does—he's doomed.

Tit for Tat.

Short-sighted supporters continue to pester Mr. Baldwin to disfranchise recipients of poor relief at local elections. No surer way to complete disaster at the General Election could be taken.

Not a Laughing Matter.

Diplomatists shake their sides over the Russian disarmament plan. Some people laughed when they saw Stephenson's first locomotive. All the same, diplomatists at Geneva this month will have to do some real thinking—and less talking.

Safety First.

The great fact is that disarmament is now for the first time embodied in concrete proposals. Wriggle as they may, its opponents have to face them.

Another "Little War"?

"Policing" Mespot with the Air Force only has not rid us of our burden in that quarter. In Sunishing border "raids," where casualties run to hundreds, our airmen are really involved in a little war that may easily become a big one.

Shibboleths.

Resolutions calling for "economy" bombard the Government from country Party branches. It's a lovely word, but it really means nothing. Nothing is achieved without expenditure, but it's in what the money is expended that matters.

In Camera.

Discussions at the Conservative Central Council are said to have shown unwonted animation. Why not then admit the Press? If there's good are in preparation for the country, why not let the country know it?

Hush-Hush.

Conferences held in secret savour too much of plottings, but a few facts leak out. The "economists" discreetly withdrew in view of the staggering demands for money for militarism about to be made.

"Jix" is Sorry.

The Home Secretary "regrets that pressure of public business"—good old phrase!—will prevent him introducing legislation dealing with juvenile offenders and sexual offences. If he took a more frequent look at our pages he would see such appalling evidence of need that he might hurry up.

Considered Opinion.

Committees appointed by the Government, representative of every agency for child welfare, have made definite recommendations. Those with experience know how matters may be mended. Why are they flouted?

Unpaid Bills.

Consideration is being given to the question of financial help for victims of aggressive war—in the future. We want to see help for victims of war defence damage in this country—in the past. A lot was promised, but, so far, precious little has been paid.

Good Work Well Accomplished.

That the National Clean Milk Society feels its work done is a tribute to splendid work in the past. Public opinion has forced the Government to act, and the battle for the babies is almost won.

Activity, Not Hostility.

German buyers thronging the British Industries Fair point the moral that peace pays, not war. It also shows the silliness of war-time "hates." It only takes a few months of business deals and everybody forgets them.

Well, Well!

Hundreds of tons of British seed potatoes are being sold, buyers coming from all over the world. What a commentary on all the thousands of acres of good British soil running to waste!

Potato Points.

Whatever is allowed to be grown in this country can be grown well. The tragedy is that with the biggest part of the whole land locked up so few growers get a chance.

And No Wonder.

The rumour that the Food Council is "winding-up" is untrue, but not surprising. All it has done is to bring to light abuses known to every housewife without one attempt to amend them. Few things are more futile than a legislative body without powers.

Hands Off!

The appeal of Sussex downsmen for funds to buy downland as it comes into the market points the bitter moral of our wicked land laws. The people's own beauty spots must be paid for in cash hard wrung from the people!

Your Ideal Home

with Furniture, Motor-car and 1,000 Guineas awaits you on pages 38 and 39. It must be won—and you can win it!

HURRY UP—CLOSING WEEK

Why Jubilate?

"Fewer Unemployed" is the heading of recent paragraphs giving unemployment exchange figures. These still run to 1,136,700, so what is there to shout about?

H.M. The Queen.

The Queen "views with grave concern the continual high rate of maternal mortality." So do we, since most of it is found in districts where poverty and overcrowding are rife. That can be altered, and must be.

Queenly Wisdom.

We further agree with Her Majesty that the whole thing is a reproach on our national life. Why it has not been faced, and checked, earlier is one of the great unsolved mysteries.

Wonderful Figures.

The totals of revenue figures for the financial year are staggering. Even the pessimists confess we are in a "favourable" position. Very well, then; what about a few social reforms?

Get On With It.

Juggling with figures is easy. Less easy is it to put the huge sums of money represented to beneficial account. The truth is we want a bit more simple humanity mixed with statesmanship.

Something Tangible.

Why shouldn't a few hundred thousand this year be set aside for a really drastic rehousing scheme? It would give a terrific spurt to local authorities.

Our Position.

We do not care what political colour—green, pink, purple, or none—undertakes the overdue job of social reform. All we want is the job done.

Age Baffled.

The report of the League of Young Liberals on "The Housing of the People" shows lively interest in one of the most tragic problems of the day. If youth takes a hand at making things better we may get a move on.

Eyes of Youth.

Even youngsters in politics are appalled at the wicked anomalies of local rating, making even wage-earners of 60s. a week poverty-stricken. Labourers who earned 20s. a week pre-war were better off.

Near Pontefract.

Haigh Moor pit is closed and 500 more miners are out of work. Will no tragedy, however stark, move the Government to action?

Odd Man Out.

Two hundred and twenty-seven Post Office employees were last year convicted of theft. Only one in a thousand of the staff, but still sadly too many. Honest labour resents this blot on its record.

Pull Up Your Socks!

We don't like the incidence of silly, petty theft in the Public Services. It isn't sporting and it isn't British. The nation, as a whole, has a character for sterling integrity. It's up to every unit to help maintain it.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Unwanted Babies.

In Liverpool, approximately 100 newly born children are abandoned each year. Where is the boasted learning of a university town that has failed to inspire its humblest citizen with a reverence for parenthood?

Unprotected Dangers.

It is futile for J. T. Johnson and Sons, Sheffield, joiners, to declare that it is not possible to carry out regulations in regard to protecting one of their circular saws. Fined £25, after an employee had a finger shorn off, they must be made to achieve the "impossible."

Dear Hair-cut.

A cut behind the ear in course of a hair-cut, thus causing an attack of erysipelas to the customer, has cost Messrs. A. D. Wolff and Son, of South Tottenham, £150 13s. 4d. damages. Cleanliness is of paramount importance to barbers, and they cannot be too careful.

Modern Miracle.

Engineering exactitude reached triumphant completion when the two half arches of the new £1,000,000 Tyne bridge met slowly and splendidly, and were joined in mid-river. To build a bridge bringing people and commerce together is better than building warships to destroy them.

Terrible Lesson.

A human chain passing buckets forty yards from a tap in the road to the house was the only means of fighting the flames at a cottage near Llanelly, where four children were burned to death. This, if anything, should teach us the monstrosity of not carrying water-pipes into every home.

Whose Business?

One small bedroom is all the shelter a poor family of eleven people have had at Moulton. The chairman of the Brixworth Rural District Council says it is not for that authority to suggest a remedy. He would probably say something different were his own family similarly circumstanced.

Work First.

The Government of the Isle of Man has set a fine example to the British Government. Instead of pretending to solve the problem of the workless by paying out the "dole," the men are to be given both work and wages, which is what unemployed thousands have been clamouring for all along.

Jokers to Punish.

It was a great deal too bad to hoax members of the Peterborough Volunteer Fire Brigade while in the middle of a dinner in honour of their captain, by calling them to attend an imaginary fire at Washingley Hall, seven miles distant. Whoever perpetrated the silly joke should be found and made to pay heavily.

Safeguarding the Race.

We hope the day is not far distant when England will take a leaf out of the book of the Kentucky Legislature, whose Lower House has just passed a Bill for the sterilisation of the feeble-minded. The propagation of the unfit is the height of national folly, since imbecility is a poison which might well corrupt the whole of the race.

A Man and his Mule.

The frank, helpful bearing of Joseph Vaughan before the Newport (Monmouthshire) Bench, after stealing a truss of hay because he could not bear to see his mule starve, secured his discharge. Is no local corn-merchant ready to undertake a good turn and feed the animal? We are sure when Vaughan has the cash he will pay.

Scrap the Lot!

Humouring the president of the Children's League of Peace and Good Will, the chairman of the Penarth Parks Committee, while refusing to scrap a local war tank and guns, agrees to have the gardener plant something round them. When the young folk will have peace and the old refuse to glorify war, we shall be well on the way to the healing of the nations.

Hasty Action.

We do not think much of the proprietors of a Staines laundry who summoned Violet Smith for stealing six handkerchiefs, which she said she borrowed intending to return. The case and her discharge are not likely to increase the good will that should be felt between employer and employed.

Tempering the Wind.

Wise Norwich justices have put on probation, under supervision, Wilfred Lovewell Hewitt, who, destitute with a sick child, stole an overcoat to pawn. A test-worker at 29s. weekly, a kindly employer could do a great deal towards making the magistrate's wish come true that the offender should make an honest living.

Just Indignation.

The Brigg Guardians justly protest against having to support an ex-Service man in a mental hospital, his condition due to gunshot wounds during the war. Men whose loyalty led to mangled lives are not paupers. The sooner the Ministry of Pensions accepts the responsibility it has so lightly repudiated in this instance, the better.

Baby Ban.

Mr. T. Whittaker is employed by the committee of the Barnet Isolation Hospital, but because his wife has had a baby he must give up his quarters at the lodge and also his job. Jobs for "married couples without children" still abound, but room for baby doesn't. These facts should be considered by those who see red every time the birth-rate falls.

Wasted Chance.

Nearly 1,300 employees will be thrown out of work and the building of 5,000 steel houses left in mid-air by the Glasgow Corporation's decision to abandon Lord Weir's offer of his factory as a going concern. When overcrowding is rife in the city, the wasted opportunity is positively wicked and demands some public-spirited man to insist on its recovery.

The Human Machine

Make Haste!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

A MAN wrote to me the other day and said it was all very well my writing each week telling people to be optimistic and cheerful and urging them to wade into life and shake what they wanted out of it.

He wanted to know what about himself? He was up against it, right up against a dead-end, and however much he tried he did not see how he was going to get any further.

And several other people have said the same.

Well, what do you do when you are out for a walk and suddenly come to a stream you cannot jump or a fence you cannot climb?

Do you sit down and say you cannot go any further? Or do you try to find another way round?

Of course, you may turn round and go home again, but if you are that sort of person it does not seem to me you want to get anywhere in particular!

I DON'T think life is much different. If you find yourself up against a dead-end, why not try to find another way round? If you find yourself faced by an obstacle you cannot climb, go round it.

Or else push it over! Lots of life's obstacles can be pushed over—if you push hard enough!

So many people regard life as the important thing and quite overlook the much greater fact that they themselves are alive.

"Make haste to live," said an old Greek philosopher, and they were wise words.

The man who lives rules life. He refuses to let life rule him.

Germs Not Wanted.

Can any good thing come out of Potsdam? Our answer is, One at least. Potsdam scavengers are allowed to use only patent covered dust-carts that automatically destroy all dust thrown into them. The bill of health in our large towns might show a very different total if the same plan were followed here.

Kismet or Courage.

"There has been little sunshine in my life and less in yours, mother, but what will be, will be, so why worry?" was the last message of Daniel Gawn, of Ryde, before taking his life. True, but the fatalistic attitude never accomplished anything worth while. The conviction, "I am the captain of my soul, I am the master of my fate," is worth two of "Kismet" every time.

Prison Failure.

Six months' hard labour for Roland Richard McDonald, an ex-convict of Shoreditch, for stealing a suitcase value £12 10s. from Lord Lansdowne's London house, sounds the death-knell of the supposed powers of prison to reform. Justices of to-day cannot concern themselves too much about meting out treatment to prisoners that shall prevent the ex-convict from offending twice.

War's Relic.

The bombardment of 1914 was the cause of the closing down of the private school of Mr. S. A. Wandesforde, of Brighouse, refused compensation owing to a quibble about lack of material damage to the premises. Unemployed, with an invalid wife and two children, he is a living reproof to the wanton destructiveness of war. It is about time the Government extended him a helping finger.

Poor Kiddies!

Pity the two poor kiddies of Thomas Brammer, a Brigg labourer, who shiver with fright when their father's name is mentioned. The Statute sends him to six months' hard labour for cruelty, a useless, tardy remedy. Only by beginning at the beginning and by the provision of proper homes, well-instructed parents and wise national education, can politicians ensure that men shall be men, not brutes.

Touching Devotion.

One room at Pontefract Workhouse is a home. In it lives Miss Rigby, for twenty-nine years a nurse in the service of the guardians, who when the time came for her retirement, preferred to rent a corner of the old infirmary rather than leave the patients. Who will not honour so touching a devotion, or fail to wish Miss Rigby a continuance of the health that enabled her not to miss a day's work in her long service?

Up to Her!

Weighing up her maidservant's previous high character and loyal service against forging her name to a cheque for £4, Mrs. Evelyn Hurry, of Chilworthy, Southstoke, after pleading with the magistrates not to send the girl to prison, agreed to take her back into her employ on their binding her over. Of this most Christian act Elsie Porter can avail herself by renewed fidelity to the mistress who has proved a friend.

Valuable Helpers.

Mr. Justice Wright's query as to why probation officers cannot be attached to assize courts requires practical consideration. We affirm that in cases similar to that of Ethel Thomas, aged twenty-one, clean, hardworking, but of unrestrained impulses, bound over at Manchester Assizes for six months and ordered to be kept at a hostel for strangling her new-born babe, they would be of the utmost use.

Unfailing Test.

If we had a position of trust to dispose of, we would rather offer it to William Barrie, a Rhymney miner, than to Albert Tingay, aged sixteen, of Grassmoor Colliery. The former, lamp between his teeth, was lowered into a 90 ft. deep mountain fissure to rescue a stranded fox-terrier. The latter was fined 50s. for throwing a stone at his pony and bursting its eye. He who risks his life for an animal is likely best to serve human beings.

As You Please.

When five Chinese laundrymen were charged with failing to furnish particulars to the registration officer, three admitted that they had landed in the country without permission. How on earth do these aliens manage to evade the authorities with such humiliating impunity? The sooner somebody is brought to book for this laxity the better will it be for the land in which we live.

Doctor Offends.

Furious at being told he was fit to work, George Alfred Lucas, a Woodlands miner, struck Dr. Callander, who was examining his case, with a steel bar produced from his sleeve, fracturing the jaw. When arrested he feigned insanity. Four months in prison is too light a sentence. A man who can go about mentally and physically prepared to damage someone is a menace and requires watching over a prolonged period.

In England Now.

Unable to get a house in Guildford, a family of thirteen share two bedrooms, young men and girls being herded together. In Allen Street, Sheffield, ten families, comprising thirty souls, watched their bedding put out in gusty winds and pouring torrents while the police cleared them, homeless, from condemned houses. While such things are, is it anything but blatant hypocrisy to pour out money for "sending missionaries to the heathen?"

Disgraceful All Round.

We have looked in vain for public comment on the death of John Thursby, a painter, killed at South Shields Docks by an anchor-cable crashing in to him through a lashing having broken. Coroner Boulton, at the inquest thought the insecure lashing a disgrace to the firm, a disgrace to the workmen and a disgrace to everyone who had anything to do with them. Strong words, but none too strong when life and a sea-going vessel are concerned.

Silly Silence.

Why was no action taken at the meeting of the National Association of Fishery Boards to prevent local industries from polluting the estuarial waters of South Wales? Considering that oyster-fishing at Mumbles, affecting the livelihood of a large number of people, has nearly ceased, owing to slime and filth ruining the beds, and that no one industry should penalise another, the complainants are the veriest stick-in-the-muds for letting the subject drop.

Fatal Carelessness.

At the inquest on Mrs. Louisa Berry, who died after three operations in the Avenue Nursing Home, Taunton, it was revealed that after the second a large swab had been sewn up in her abdomen. There are too many of these cases. Scissors, sponges and towels have no right to be sewn up in human bodies, even though the verdict after death may be in accordance with medical evidence. To our mind, it also accords with terrible carelessness somewhere.

Wouldn't Take "No."

After being buried under twenty tons of glass and seared to the bone by a blazing beam at a fire at a bottle factory, Mr. Thomas Matthew Howe, of the London Fire Brigade, was declared totally unfit for future service. That he said "No" to the doctors and came back for another twenty-eight years of fire-fighting, is not the least of his many distinctions. Half of the world's greatest achievements are wrought by men who don't know when they're beaten.

Music that Didn't Charm.

Shortly after he became the tenant of two rooms, a young man sought relaxation by putting on a gramophone record, only to be informed by his landlady that music was taboo. The High-bridge magistrates were unable to help him, but we, more venturesome, tender the advice he seeks. Within reason, he can play his gramophone with impunity. Should he get notice because of it, he should ignore it and leave the next move with the landlady. No court would countenance such ridiculous a restriction.

One Crime, One Penalty.

On a police prosecution at Ongar, John Day was fined for being in possession of a pheasant. Later the council took proceedings against him for killing the bird without a licence. The Bench rightly decided that as the man had already been punished for the offence it would be unjust to penalise him a second time. If the Excise officer has so much spare time on his hands he should be encouraged to take up a hobby.

"Archibald—Certainly Not!"

Those who backed the dog Archibald at Wembley with Thomas Smithers, bookmaker, found the gentleman had vanished when they went to draw their winnings. He was then trading under the name of Tommy Smith. Four previous convictions for welshing were proved against him, and his licence was suspended for two years in addition to the sentence of nine months. So persistent an offender should never be allowed to take a bet again.

Luck that Didn't Hold.

We have just heard from a Hull reader, who thought himself extremely lucky when he had a "winning double" with his bookmaker, Mr. J. Richards, of Market Place, Leeds, for the sum of £250 odd. Things still looked bright when Richards paid two instalments of £50 or so, but application for the balance of £150 has been ignored, and the postal authorities are now returning letters addressed to Mr. Richards as above, with the inscription, "Not to be found."

Six Months for Symonds!

Barely four weeks have elapsed since we exposed Louis Kinsey Symonds in these columns for his unsatisfactory handling of the National Crossword competition. Now he has been sentenced to six months in the second division by Mr. Mead, of Marlborough Street, who shares our views in his comment: "Large sums were involved here, and the deprivation of persons, who, after a great deal of brain-work, had no prizes is a very serious matter." We trust Symonds will learn his lesson.

Hard on Job-seekers.

A Lancashire reader recently sent half-a-crown in response to an advertisement suggesting that a Mr. Watson, of Macaulay Street, Grimsby, had an excellent opening for agents and canvassers. In return he received samples of what were termed "unusually attractive special lines." There was a cheaply-got-up packet of so-called "beauty clay," some "hair-curling" powder, and various other items of a type that should certainly not be sent indiscriminately through the post. This is not fair on job-seekers.

Trading on Vanity.

Though Nelson and Napoleon were small men, there are various enterprising firms eager to tell short people that they ought to have their proper share of the advantages which accrue to the tall. J. Edison, Ltd., of Bond Street, South Shore, Blackpool, is one of the happy band, and claims that "three inches—or even more" can be added to one's stature by its system of increasing the height. But people who take up its course will inevitably find themselves "shorter"—to the extent of 30s., the company's fee!

Slow-Motion Agency.

When a St. Helens reader paid £1 15s. to a representative of the Foreign Traders' Agency, of Angel Buildings, Briggate, Leeds, he was given to understand that he would be introduced to foreign traders who would supply wireless goods cheaply. That was in 1926, and as no business resulted, our reader asked for a refund. For a long time the agency was inclined to hedge, but eventually it said that £1 would be refunded. Now, in 1928, our reader is still waiting for his money. Others should take warning.

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50 MORE
£5 5s. CHEQUES
to Registered Readers.

Problems of Life

Hatred on Tap

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THE other night I had a strange experience. I am on foreign soil at the moment, and, in response to an invitation, I spent part of the evening in listening to an address given by a Frenchman in a small salon near by.

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Around me were Germans, and the conversation was entirely in German.

It was hard to realise that the men of this very company had been engaged in killing our sons and brothers not so long ago, and that these very women had been taught to detest us with a bitterness that found expression in the notorious "Hymn of Hate."

What about their feeling to-day?

An Englishman has been trying to persuade me that, not only has the hatred all gone, but that a new feeling of respect and friendliness has taken its place.

"Do you not think," he continued, "that our real affinities are with the Germans, not with the French? The Germans are more like us than the French are; they understand us, and we them, but the French hate us."

I AGREED with him so far as to admit that the quiet, respectable-looking Germans in whose midst I sat that night were more our sort in appearance than our French hosts. There was no sign of the Prussian bully in them; but beyond that I dare not go; I am certain they don't love us.

About French sentiment in regard to us, there is no doubt whatever. The thing is simply staggering.

A Frenchman has just told me that England's ungenerosity in the matter of war debts is the reason why the franc is now worth only a fifth of its pre-war value.

"And America?" I asked.

"Oh, America is far away," was the rejoinder, "and had no material interest to serve in entering the war."

A member of my family declares that he is awakened every morning by hearing an American gentleman in the next room reading aloud to his wife scathing passages from the American Press denouncing the wickedness of England in relation to the naval question.

We pay our debts, guarantee security to France, scrap cruisers—and we are hated for our pains.

WILL the nations ever learn sense? No good can ever come of hate, suspicion, prejudice, ill-will.

Keep on talking mischief and you will create strife as surely as poison in the system breeds disease and death.

The same is true of all private life. Most people have a little store of hate ready to be let loose without cause on any object.

Could that dark chamber but be cleared out and refilled with the charity that thinketh no evil we should have a happier world.

MISSING FINANCIER: Amazing Story

THE HORSES HE LEFT BEHIND HIM

Small Investors' Big Losses

SOME time ago a young married man living at Rotherham got in touch with a philanthropically disposed firm called H. Renton and Company, of 68, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

This concern told him how to make money quickly. All he had to do was to take the advice of Renton and Company concerning shares to buy and sell. Leaving the rest to them, he would soon be rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

To unsophisticated investors the scheme run by H. Renton and Company might appear to have been everything claimed for it. Amongst the skilled and experienced brokers on the Stock Exchange, however, it was regarded otherwise. Briefly put, it was a system of gambling on the rise and fall of shares.

Gathering clouds

The Rotherham gentleman followed the advice of H. Renton and Company and, for a time, made small profits on his capital. Then, impressed by the good results which at first came his way, he urged other people to join in with him, and soon a number of fresh clients were introduced to Basinghall Street.

Presently trouble came. Remittances due to some of the investors were not forthcoming. Instead came excuses from Renton and Company. The Rotherham client accordingly came to London to investigate the matter.

He saw Mr. Hugh Renton, the proprietor of the company. Mr. Renton was very suave, but regretted that a temporary financial difficulty had cropped up. In the strictest confidence he informed his Rotherham investor that a very important client had let him down badly, but that everything would be all right in a very short time, when he would forward all remittances due.

Time passed, and the position of H. Renton and Company grew more and more unsatisfactory. The people whom the investor from Rotherham had introduced to the concern began to grow impatient, particularly a miner who started to press very firmly for settlement of his account, which was a substantial one.

Still no money came. The miner, like other clients, received a letter from a firm of solicitors which, while admitting the respective amounts due, regretted that Renton and Company were still temporarily embarrassed but that, given time, all liabilities would be met.

Lots of excuses

Excuses, as the weeks and months passed, appeared to be all that remained of the business of H. Renton and Company. To some of the investors who threatened to bring actions against the company Mr. Renton promised to pay by instalments. But the promises were never fulfilled.

One client, who hails from Preston, purchased a number of shares through Renton and Company, and from time to time received small profits.

Eventually he asked for his account to be closed and for the shares to be delivered to him. He did not get them.

He wrote demanding the cause of the delay. Obtaining no reply, he sent a reply-paid telegram to the company. This, too, was ignored. A further letter shared a similar fate.

Another telegram, despatched weeks later, brought forth a reply

Col. E. Satterthwaite, Secretary of the London Stock Exchange, who warns the public against this type of share gamble

to the effect that his account was being dealt with almost immediately. This promise also was broken.

Dead silence

Still another telegram was sent to the dilatory Renton and Company, but was of no avail. Later on, in response to continued pressure, the promise to settle "almost immediately" was repeated, but the client heard no more and finally consulted a firm of solicitors.

These instances we have cited are but a few of many. H. Renton and Company, in fact, have been trading on similar lines for years. While the money from fresh clients has been accepted, the claims of older ones have been ignored.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr. Renton recently discontinued the game of bluff he had been playing for so long. He became conspicuous by his absence.

A judgment was registered against him on the application of a creditor, and, later on, a receiving order in bankruptcy was enforced against him. Within a few days claims had been lodged for £26,650.

If this illuminating sum represented all the creditors' claims, it would be scandalous enough. But we are able to disclose the fact that it covers only a fraction of the liabilities.

A balance-sheet for the year 1926 which has just come into the possession of Mr. Daniel Williams, the official now dealing with the matter in the Bankruptcy Court, shows that at that time there were liabilities of no less than £146,000 and an estimated deficiency of £43,739.

Golden story

Mr. Renton, therefore, has much to answer for. But the scandal does not end there. Since 1923, his company, indeed, has been insolvent, for that year the business was in debt to the extent of £2,500.

Yet he carried on, bringing new clients into his scheme, promising them the golden profits he must have known could not materialise unless something in the nature of a miracle happened.

In 1924, consequent upon such haphazard methods of business, the deficit had increased to the formidable sum of £20,000; in 1925, to £34,000; whilst, as we have already stated, the deficiency in 1926 had reached the total of £43,739.

What is it to-day? At a gathering of creditors held a few days ago this question could not be suitably answered, owing to the fact that Mr. Renton had gone away from his house at St. Margaret's, Kingston Hill, leaving no adequate information behind as to his present whereabouts.

The only things of value so far recovered by the Official Receiver for the benefit of the creditors are a few horses and a motor-car.

From these disclosures it will be seen that the fullest enquiry is necessary into the tangled affairs of Mr. Hugh Renton. The fact that he has kept the true position very astutely to himself is emphasised by the fact that he was given satisfactory references at a time when he was hopelessly emmeshed financially, and when his company had been pressed for months by clients and their solicitors for the settlement of overdue accounts.

A sad lesson

While the wearying process of bankruptcy is being fulfilled, and the disillusioned creditors must anxiously wait to see if anything is likely to be saved for them out of the wreckage of this catastrophe, there is a certain step that should be taken immediately by the Board of Trade.

That step is to hold a full enquiry into the manner in which Renton has conducted his business, particularly since 1923, when his finances first assumed an unsatisfactory state. Such an investigation the creditors can demand as a right.

Renton's colossal failure should be a lasting lesson to people who are foolish enough to fall for the "get-rich-quick" lure, which so often leads to financial embarrassment and ruin.

Letters for the Fire

Old Beggar's Artful Plea

A PERSON named Arthur R. Groves has lately come under our notice on account of his persistent habit of penning unsolicited letters to ladies in various parts of the country. He usually writes from an address in Museum Street, London.

He opens with an apology and protests that he has been driven by sheer necessity to appeal for help. Since losing his job a year or so ago, he complains that he has had a hard struggle to keep on his feet.

"The almost continuous bad weather we have had has played such havoc with my clothes," he writes, "that I can no longer present the decent appearance I ought to when applying for work."

Pride and pathos

In heartrending terms, he tells how every day makes him more than ever conscious that his general appearance, "overcoatless, leaking shoes and frayed, worn suit," must handicap him in his search for employment.

With a touch of pride, he adds that until this past year he was never out of work, but he came back from South America in 1914 to join the Army at the age of forty-three.

As an added note of pathos, he tells how he lost his brother in the war, and concludes with a request for work, or help of any kind.

To back up his appeal he encloses a copy of a reference received on leaving his last job.

Now, this reference is most eulogistic, and in some measure it is founded upon truth. Groves actually worked with the concern in question and gave satisfaction. He was actually given quite a good reference on leaving—*but the alleged copies that he sends out are unblushingly distorted.*

The original reference merely stated that he had worked as a chronicler for two and a half years and had been painstaking and quick, that he had performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of the management, and that he left solely because the work was completed.

Persistent scribe

Groves' version gives his service as three years. It also highly commends his "wide range of reading and his personal knowledge" of various countries, with the concluding remarks:

"I can cordially recommend him; he is of sober habits, punctual, thoroughly trustworthy and a good worker."

A well-known philanthropic institution is constantly receiving letters from people who have been approached by Groves, who is also very well known to the Charity Organisation Society as a persistent begging-letter writer, with a record dating back to 1898!

The fact that he has performed work satisfactorily on occasion makes his offence all the more despicable, and his lying appeals are all humbug.

SCANDALOUS BUILDING CRASH

A CURIOUS HOUSING TANGLE

The Done-Down Depositors

THE affairs of three associated private limited companies, all engaged in housebuilding in the neighbourhood of Heston and Hounslow, present a curious and unhappy tangle.

The first of these companies, Building Enterprises, Ltd., was registered in October, 1923, with a nominal capital of £1,000, increased a month later to £5,500, divided into 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 and 10,000 shilling deferred shares.

These 10,000 shilling shares were all allotted as fully paid to the promoters for "expenses and services rendered." The cash capital subscribed was £2,102, out of which £80 was paid in commission on shares.

The first directors of this concern were Herbert John Nias, J.P., and Bertram Ewart White. Mr. Nias is a member of the Heston and Isleworth Urban District Council and is chairman of the Housing Committee of that body. Mr. White is a solicitor. A third director, Mr. Bernard Harold Sisson, joined the board later.

Complete control

The cash capital invested in the company by these gentlemen amounts to only £202. Yet by the voting power conferred on them by their holdings they completely control the company.

This company's procedure has been to obtain mortgages from a bank on the security of land, and houses in course of erection. As the houses are completed, advances have been obtained by purchasers from the Heston and Isleworth Urban District Council up to 90 per cent. of the valuation.

The next of the three companies under notice is the Parkwood Development Company, formed in July, 1924, with a nominal capital of £7,500 in 7,000 ordinary shares of £1 and 10,000 shilling deferred shares.

The objects were the same as those of Building Enterprises, Ltd., two directors of which, Messrs. White and Sisson, became the directors of this company.

Ugly feature

The 10,000 shilling shares are held by B. H. Sisson, but only 3d. apiece has been paid up on them.

There are also 600 £1 shares held by B. H. Sisson and J. B. Sisson, on which only 2s. 6d. per share is paid up. The total cash capital subscribed is only £553.

This company is now being compulsorily wound up. Its total liabilities exceed £20,000 and the estimated deficiency is over £12,000.

The contractors who supplied the building materials and some of the labour are among the unsecured creditors, a loss of over £12,000 having occurred within two years.

The ugliest feature about the Parkwood Development Company is that it contracted to supply houses to a large number of people and took from them weekly deposits of £1.

While a certain number of houses were actually supplied under this plan, deposits were accepted from more than could possibly be supplied with houses within a reasonable period.

A third company, called Home Counties Ideal Homes, Ltd., was registered in June, 1925, with a nominal capital of £4,250 in 4,000 £1 shares and 5,000 shilling shares.

Messrs. B. E. White and B. H. Sisson again appear as directors, together with a Mr. Lewis Daw, described as an insurance official.

The 5,000 shilling shares were allotted to B. H. Sisson for "services rendered and expenses incurred in promotion." Of the 4,000 £1 shares, 1,800 have been allotted, but only 10s. per share has been paid up, so that the total cash capital of this company was only £900.

This company went into voluntary liquidation last November.

For a time these three companies occupied the same registered offices in High Holborn. Among the creditors of the Parkwood Development Company, Building Enterprises, Ltd., appears with a claim of £3,981 13s. 6d.

Commercial menace

Mr. Lewis Daw is also a creditor. He claims £581 5s. under an agreement by which the Parkwood Development Company appears to have undertaken to purchase at par 500 partly paid shares held by him in Home Counties Ideal Homes, Ltd., and to pay director's fees owing to him by that concern with interest.

Had the Parkwood Company become the registered holder it would have been liable for a further £250.

Although the company of which Mr. Daw was a director is being wound up because it is insolvent, this gentleman is now preferring his claim against the Parkwood Company under this agreement.

It is to be hoped that the Committee of Inspection which has been appointed by the creditors of the Parkwood Development Company will unravel the relations between this company and the other two.

The fact that two or three men can control a chain of limited companies by holding shares of nominal value in each of them and, without any personal liability or serious financial stake, obtain credit to the tune of thousands of pounds with the disastrous results that have ensued, is a menace to the commercial community and to the public at large.

We must express the opinion also that the position of a chairman of the Housing Committee of a local authority, which advances loans for the purchase of houses built by a company in which he is a shareholder and was a director, is an invidious one, to say the least of it.

The deposit creditors of the Parkwood Company are working people. They have lost sums ranging from £1 to £40, which they cannot afford to lose. Their hopes of acquiring houses have been dashed to the ground.

They are in every sense of the word victims of a disaster which ought not to be possible. It is up to our legislators to make this kind of thing illegal.

The Lord Chancellor (the Rt. Hon. Viscount Cave, G.C.M.G.), whose attention we direct to the scandal of shilling share control

A FREEZER FOR FROST

WHO'D BE A PIGEON?

AN interesting announcement recently appeared in the advertisement columns of a daily paper to the effect that a film-distributing company had a salaried post to offer in return for an investment of £500.

The investor was promised remunerative interest on his money and there was the prospect of being permitted to accompany a co-principal abroad if desired.

Initial application had to be made to a box number, but one gentleman who applied was soon favoured with a letter from a Mr. Harcourt Collett, with the intimation that the capital was required in connection with a film entitled "Gallipoli."

Virtual secrets

Mr. Collett added that the entire particulars of the proposition could only be given at a personal interview, and hinted that it would be undiplomatic to broadcast what were "virtually secrets of a commercial company," as the knowledge would do incalculable harm if it came into the hands of a competitor.

He therefore suggested a meeting at his club, and at a subsequent appointment some interesting details of the scheme were set forth.

Scheme outlined

It appears that Mr. Collett did not want the £500 himself, but was merely representing a Mr. A. C. Tinsdale, of the Embassy Film Company, Ltd., who had a scheme for presenting a special film of Gallipoli in Australia.

The would-be investor was conducted to an office in Wardour Street, where he was introduced to Mr. Tinsdale, who outlined his scheme for touring Australia with his film.

He confirmed the offer made in the newspaper advertisement, but everything was so vague and speculative that the applicant decided that it would be prudent to lay the matter before us before committing himself in any way.

It is very fortunate that he took this precaution, for, after making certain enquiries, we are in a position to reveal several facts that were "virtually secrets" so far as the would-be investor was concerned.

In the first place, Mr. A. C. Tinsdale, who favours such a round-about method of finding a £500 investor, is not a person of any standing in the film world.

Unfortunate record

Moreover, his real name is Arthur Charles Frost, and he is an undischarged bankrupt.

He first came to this country from Australia in 1923 as the representative of an Australian film company, and, after dabbling in one or two film ventures, found himself in the Bankruptcy Court, with liabilities amounting to £4,708.

He claimed assets in the form of shares in an Australian concern, but these did not realise anything.

Rash speculation

Frost, otherwise Tinsdale, attributed his failure to his liability for the debt of the Australian company, and hopefully applied for his discharge.

He was unlucky, for the Official Receiver opposed the application on various grounds, one being that he considered that Frost had been guilty of "rash and hazardous speculation."

The Registrar upheld the Official Receiver's report and Frost's discharge was suspended for a period of three years and six months.

This, then, is the man who is now anxious to get back to Australia on a borrowed £500. Anyone who answers his call will be equally guilty of "rash and hazardous speculation"!

A STICKY FIRM

THE DISAPPEARING ALBUMS

A Fly Philatelist

ADVERTISEMENTS of a misleading character are of too frequent appearance. Those who answer them need to be wary. Even reputable newspapers are at times taken in by the advertisers

COLLECTORS of foreign stamps constitute a numerous fraternity, and in view of the great value attaching to various specimens, it is not surprising that some enterprising individual should have awakened to the fact that a new field is thus presented for exploitation.

A concern known as James Walker and Company, of 263, High Holborn, W.C., for instance, has been advertising on most elaborate lines. One announcement ran as follows:

"We buy any old stamps! We also sell stamps of world-wide range and invite enquiries from collectors."

Another example, notable chiefly for the enterprise that it reflects, ran:

"Office cleaners and others please note that we buy present-day stamps from office and other waste paper."

From the foregoing one might reasonably form the conclusion that James Walker and Co. mean business, and that they are out to purchase stamps on an extensive scale.

Letters ignored

The experience of some collectors who have been interested by this firm's advertisements is calculated to create a very different impression.

Some time ago, in response to a similarly phrased announcement, a Dublin lady forwarded an album of stamps to James Walker and Co. for valuation.

After a brief interval the firm offered her a small sum for her entire collection, and, although she had hoped for better terms, she finally agreed to accept the sum named.

Since that time she has received no further communication and every letter sent to remind the firm of its promise has been ignored.

A Durham client, also replying to an advertisement, sent a collection of about 18,000 old stamps to the company as far back as September last.

He, too, was favoured with an offer to purchase, and, though he agreed to accept the figure mentioned, nothing further has transpired. Letters of reminder have been ignored.

Then there is the case of a Gloucester reader, who sent three valuable stamps to Walker and Co. in October.

Since then, although he has written several times, he has heard nothing whatever, and is one of the many disappointed clients who have complained to the police.

Ridiculous offer

From Bexhill-on-Sea comes a complaint from a reader who entrusted his album to the care of Walker and Co. many months ago, and who was favoured with an offer which he terms "ridiculous."

He immediately asked that his album should be returned and was careful to send the necessary postage. Silence has reigned ever since and he cannot obtain any satisfaction!

Another victim is a nun who works very ardently for foreign missions. She saw one of Walker and Co.'s announcements quite by chance, and hailed it as presenting a splendid opportunity to turn her valuable collection of stamps into money for her beloved missionary work.

She trustingly despatched her collection to the firm, but has not succeeded in raising a single penny, and several letters have been despatched in vain.

The Rt. Hon. C. A. McCurdy, K.C., President of the Advertising Association, which has issued a warning against this concern

It would be possible to give particulars of many similar instances where goods have been handed to Walker and Co. without return; but certain other aspects of this remarkable business must now be dealt with.

The *Universe*, which unwittingly inserted some of Walker and Company's advertisements, is also a victim of the concern, for it has been unable to recover the fees due to it in respect of the advertising space allotted.

Abortive efforts

The *Catholic Herald*, which also accepted announcements from the apparently genuine Walker and Company, is now in the same boat.

In December last it obtained judgment for a matter of £30 against the defaulting company, but efforts to enforce its rights have been abortive.

Other newspapers, including the *Accountant*, have had similar experiences, and so many complaints have been received that the Advertising Association has recently taken the precaution of issuing a general warning against Walker and Co.

Reference to the files at Somerset House shows that the registered proprietor of this dilatory company is a lady named Mrs. Olive Elizabeth Clark; but the prime mover in the business appears to be Mr. H. Clark.

Several judgments have from time to time been registered against him.

The headquarters in Holborn consist of a small office.

In the circumstances narrated above, it is hardly necessary to warn stamp-collectors to steer clear of James Walker and Co., but we should like to urge the authorities to enquire very closely into the affairs of a firm which favours such dubious business methods.

PLUNKETT'S PLUNDER

THE REPARTEE BARRAGE

A Casual Razor Edge

CHEQUES are seldom accepted by shopkeepers from strangers. This is well known by impostors, but by big bluff they get this wise rule relaxed. Then victims find they have been done

AN enterprising gentleman who poses as an Army officer, but who usually elects to go about attired in mufti, is at present enjoying a highly successful career in certain military circles.

Giving the name of "Lieutenant Plunkett," he drove up to a leading Piccadilly store the other day and engaged an assistant in animated conversation.

He explained that he had been recommended to patronise this particular store by his commanding officer, and casually mentioned the name of a very well-known colonel of a Guards' Regiment. Then he proceeded to inspect some expensive articles of wearing apparel.

Intriguing methods

His faultless manner fostered confidence, and he set about making his choice with an easy grace and absence of haste that suggested that he was accustomed to do his shopping with discrimination.

And all the time he kept up a running fire of brilliant repartee that quite intrigued the assistants who found themselves privileged to wait upon him.

Eventually, the good-looking lieutenant expressed satisfaction with his selection, and the assistants stated that the articles would be sent on for him without delay.

He thanked them for their courtesy, but assured them that he could quite easily "dump" the package—bulky as it was—in his waiting car, as he was going straight back to barracks.

As he wrote out a cheque in settlement of the bill, the lieutenant airily remarked that he presumed they would not mind accepting payment in this way.

Although he was a stranger to them, he pointed out that they could soon satisfy themselves by ringing up his commanding officer on the telephone.

This precaution, he added facetiously, would also substantiate beyond all doubt that he was not "one of those beastly cheque thieves one reads about"!

Impudent bravado

This sally was received with smiles, just as he had anticipated; but it was really an impudent piece of bravado, for "Lieutenant Plunkett" is not an Army officer at all, but a notable member of the underworld, who has been causing the police a great deal of trouble for some time past.

The cheque he thus succeeded in passing was made out for £28 odd; but it eventually came back from the bank bearing the ominous inscription, "No account."

The above may be taken as a typical instance of this man's methods, and similar complaints have been lodged with the police in great numbers.

In almost every instance, his "orders" have been in the neighbourhood of £20 or £30, so it can be imagined that he has followed a very profitable career.

Bluffer bluffed

So far as we are aware, he has only been known to fail on one occasion. That was when, as "Captain D. A. Wilson," he wandered just as casually into another store, and ordered goods to the value of £22.

The cheque was not accepted in this instance, however, although the bogus officer endeavoured to bluff the salesman with the same telephone confidence trick.

It was pointed out to him, with many expressions of regret, that it was the inflexible rule of the establishment that no cheque should be accepted until special sanction had first been obtained from one of the heads of the firm.

"Wilson" was not in the least perturbed. "Orders are orders," he said, in tones which suggested that he reverenced discipline. "Get permission while I wait."

He waited for a brief instant, then, telling another assistant that he would just take a peep at his waiting car, he strolled casually out, never to return.

It was later ascertained that he had driven away in great haste, and this is scarcely surprising, for, of course, the £22 cheque that he had left behind was yet another of the many worthless documents that had usually served him so well.

Suggestive names

On making some enquiries into this clever rogue's activities, we have been able to discover that he possesses an almost endless string of aliases of a kind not often affected by the average criminal.

Like the more polished and accomplished crooks, he prefers to pass by names that are well known and honoured, for they serve to suggest that he is well connected.

Yet he has not the remotest claim to any real distinction of that character.

His adopted names, include some of the most prominent in the land.

Nor does he always favour the Army as a boasted profession. On occasion, he has been known to represent himself as an officer in the Navy or the Royal Air Force.

In the latter service, he has posed frequently as a flight commander, which, followed by a well-chosen name, has a most imposing sound.

Apart from his London exploits, he has operated in many provincial towns.

PATHETIC MANNEQUIN PARADE

PEEPS INTO A SALON

A Rosy Hope Shattered

WE have lately received an extraordinary number of visits from ladies of varying ages and stations, who have come to us with sad tales of disillusionment.

They have all been pupils of the Mannequin Training Salons, Ltd., of 122-124, Regent Street, London, W., and some idea of this institution's methods can be gathered from the experience of an Irish country girl.

This girl first heard of the Mannequin Training Salons through reading an article in a weekly paper, and when she wrote for particulars she received a prompt reply from the principal, who signed herself "Gladys Colson—The Hon. Mrs."

The latter also explained that many applications were received for the Salons' trained ladies, and added that its employment bureau was widely known, and was able to introduce pupils to good engagements.

The French model

A postscript was appended in which Mrs. Colson confided that she had recently enrolled a lady from Ireland whom she had never seen.

In this case, the fee was sent in advance to secure enrolment, "as it is very difficult to get in for the training on account of the prestige we enjoy, making our vacancies very much in demand—especially at this season."

The Irish girl did not act upon this hint to send a fee in advance, but, impressed with the assurance that her interests would be watched, "both during and after training," she forwarded her photograph and measurements.

Mrs. Colson wrote again four days later to say that the applicant's measurements appeared to be "quite suitable for what we call in the profession the French model." She added, "Your beautiful hair will be an asset to you and everything shall be done to help you."

Wonderful parade

Finally, Mrs. Colson stressed the fact that enrolment should be made without delay by remitting the fee or part of it.

This, she declared, would be refunded if the pupil did not make good—an event which she predicted would be "extremely unlikely."

At frequent intervals, Mrs. Colson wrote urging her not to delay.

In one of her encouraging letters, Mrs. Colson hinted that she had to prepare ladies for important functions due to take place shortly, and that there was no reason why the unknown Irish girl should not be one of them.

In another she wrote that the earlier a start was made the better it would be, as she did not want the Irish applicant to miss the lucrative and attractive spring shows.

In yet another communication, the principal of the Mannequin Training Salons, Ltd., declared that a "wonderful parade" was to take place shortly in aid of charity, and the mannequins who participated would get the usual fee.

"It is to be given in a Mayfair drawing-room," she wrote, "and Royalty will be present. It would be a charming start off for you, if you can be ready in time. In any case, there are usually some nice things in our employment bureau to offer pupils as they pass out. All the eminent firms apply to us for their models. . . ."

Is it surprising, after this long bombardment, that the Irish girl turned her back upon her tiny home town and set off for London and all the rosy promise of a splendid career?

She came; she paid her £10 10s.; she started her course of training; but eventually formed the opinion that it was unlikely that she would get an engagement at the end of it.

She found that the profession was very overcrowded already. Now, thoroughly disillusioned, she is wisely returning to Ireland.

Would she have been wiser to have persevered with the training? The best answer to this question lies in the irrefutable fact that other ladies who have complained to us have been unable to find work, even when armed with the Salons' diplomas.

Overwhelming competition

Instances, too, have been brought to our notice in which pupils, on completion of their course, have been referred to certain firms by the salons' "Employment Bureau," only to be met with the suggestion that the vacancy must have been lifted from the advertising columns of a newspaper.

Their special "introduction" thus carried no weight, and they found themselves up against overwhelming competition.

One country girl, who completed her course four months ago, is still unemployed, and some of the firms she was referred to knew nothing of

Mr. Jacobs, L.C.C., whose committee is responsible for the licensing of employment agencies

the Mannequin Training Salons. Two other ladies who hold diplomas issued by the Mannequin Training Salons, Ltd., have advertised in the Press, and have circularised leading London stores without success.

The sorry truth is that countless mannequins are seeking work. When one firm recently advertised a vacancy it was besieged by 150 applicants who called in person, while fifty others applied by post!

Certain ex-pupils of the Mannequin Training Salons, Ltd., may doubtless have obtained engagements, but a number have not.

In any case, existing conditions do not justify the practice of encouraging girls to take a course of training in the belief that there is a good chance of obtaining "lucrative and attractive" employment at the end.

Down on the Day Nursery

Ministry's Puerile Economy

DR. and MRS. SPERO, two prominent social workers in Fulham, recently raised funds to provide an artificial sun-ray installation for the Fulham Day Nursery.

Their thoughtfulness and generosity did not end there, for they arranged for the nurses of the institution to take a course of lessons to familiarise themselves with the use of the installation.

Dr. Spero and the Medical Officer of Health for Fulham, Dr. Sullivan, were also prepared to give their services gratuitously to supervise the treatment for the little ones, and great benefits were hoped for.

Stifling officialdom

But all these kindly and well-meaning souls were reckoning without the voice of officialdom.

It so happens that the Fulham Day Nursery comes under the control of the Ministry of Health, which is also responsible for 25 per cent. of its administrative expenditure.

When the Ministry was asked to give its consent to the installation it refused to do so on the grounds that it would not be in the interests of economy!

Thwarting threat

The members of the committee were naturally amazed, for they had furnished an estimate, at the time of making the request, showing that the additional cost to the Ministry would amount to only 2½d. a week.

It was then pointed out that Dr. Spero and his friends were prepared to defray all expenses, including the Ministry of Health's proportion, but consent was still withheld.

This led the committee to consider installing the apparatus without sanction, but the Ministry of Health rendered such a step imprudent by threatening to withdraw all its other grants, amounting to hundreds of pounds.

It is difficult to see what motives can be guiding the Ministry of Health in its extraordinary attitude when the welfare of little children is at stake.

Going!—Going!—

Ideal Home for Sixpence

CABINET Ministers may glibly inform us that the solution to the housing problem is in sight, but those who are homeless have a very different tale to tell.

What is the good of talking about £800 houses to the man whose weekly wage leaves only ten or fifteen shillings to provide a roof over his head? That is the real problem—to provide a home for the house-hunter at a price within his reach.

JOHN BULL'S record "Ideal Home" offer may solve that problem for you. Sixpence and a good "Bullet" is sufficient to win you a 3,000 Guineas prize this week.

Stupendous offer

The First Prize-winner will be invited to choose an Ideal Home, Furniture, Motor-car and 1,000 Guineas, or a lump sum of 3,000 Guineas cash. Success would mean the world to you, wouldn't it?

There is no time to be lost if you want to win—you have only until Thursday, March 15, to secure a prize unique in competition history. Remember, the fact that you have not entered already does not affect your opportunity of success.

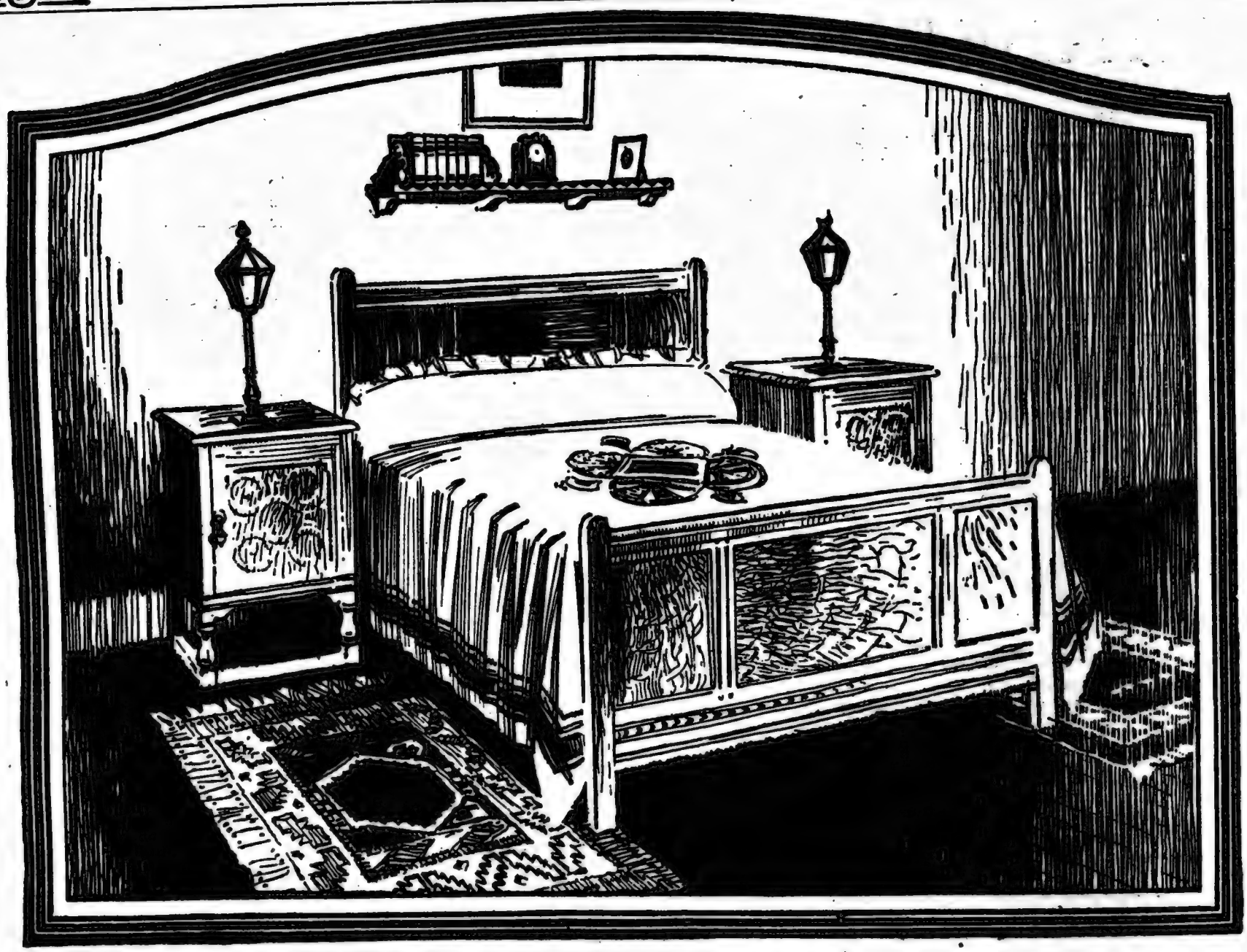
"My winning 'Bullet' was a last-minute thought," writes Mr. F. Bryant, of 2, Hackthorn Road, Woodseats, Sheffield, who won £300 last week. "I had already posted off some lines for the competition, but I sat down and filled in another coupon at once."

Road to success

Mr. Bryant had only won a solitary half-crown before this £300 arrived, but his practice of studying the printed efforts and discovering for himself their winning qualities has brought him to the top of the prize list.

This road to success is open to you. On page 38 you will find twenty-three "Bullets" which have won big prizes this week. They will show you how to reach your goal—the biggest prize ever offered for a few words.

Get a "Bullet" home and win the "Bullets" Home.



The charm *of a* beautiful *Bed*

THE charm and restful appearance of a bed can be greatly enhanced by an artistic arrangement such as is shown in the above picture, but nothing is more important than the perfect cleanliness of sheets and pillows. Bed linen should be washed with nothing but the purest Soap, and it costs no more to use Sunlight—the Soap with a £1,000 guarantee of purity.

Good linen demands the best Soap, and Sunlight is supreme not only in purity but in ease and quickness of use.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

6.548-108 LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED, PORT SUNLIGHT.

WE have devoted a good deal of space to the coal industry and we now, in furtherance of our policy of giving all sides a hearing, present the mineowners' case. The views expressed are not necessarily ours and we invite our readers' attention to page 19 of this issue

Does Anybody Love Us?

by W. A. LEE, C.B.E. *(Secretary of the Mining Association of Great Britain)*

THE coal industry is working at an average loss of 1s. per ton of coal produced. It is incurring this loss because it is only working at six-sevenths of its full capacity. The slack demand for coal both depresses prices and increases the cost of production through short-time working.

When the man in the street thinks of coal he usually thinks of house coal. But house coal only absorbs about one-eighth of the normal output. By far the greater part of the coal used in this country is used industrially, and the main reason for the slackness of demand for coal is the depression in the coal-consuming industries.

Take, for example, the iron and steel industry, which is the biggest customer of the British coal industry. Coal is available for it at practically pre-war prices. But the iron and steel industry has nearly one-fifth of its men unemployed and its demand for coal hangs fire.

The reason for the condition of the iron and steel industry is clearly shown by the fact that even its market in this country is being flooded with foreign iron and steel, produced with the help of cheap labour and low railway rates abroad.

Aids to competition

If the four million tons of iron and steel which we import annually were produced in this country the increased coal requirements would provide regular work for an additional thirty thousand or more mine-workers and help very substantially to solve the problem of the inland coal trade.

What is true of the iron and steel industry is more or less true of the other staple industries. If all these industries were working normally the inland coal trade, which constitutes two-thirds of the whole industry, would be fully employed.

Let us turn now to the coal export trade which, with the ships' bunker trade, accounted for one-third of the whole of our coal trade before the war, and which is of vital importance in paying for our imports of food and raw materials and in maintaining the position of British shipping.

During the post-war years of industrial trouble, reduced output and inflated costs of production in our coal-mining industry, the production of coal in Continental countries was increased, so that to-day they are selling more, and we are selling less, on the Continent than before the war.

The competition of these coals is aided by low wages and low railway rates. For example, Yorkshire coal is in competition with Polish coal, which is seeking an unnatural outlet in our market in Scandinavia.

Now, the Yorkshire miner averages 13s. a day in money wages—that is, apart from the value of allowance coal—and the average money wages of all Yorkshire mine-workers employed above and below ground, including boys, are 10s. 6d. a day.

The tide turning

The figure for Polish mine-workers is 3s. 9d. a day. And wages form nearly three-quarters of the cost of production of coal. Moreover, Polish coal is conveyed by rail 370 miles to the Baltic ports for a subsidised rate of 3s. 4d. a ton. Yorkshire coal for export has to pay 5s. 6d. a ton to be hauled sixty miles to the Humber.

It is true that the Polish wage is the lowest on the Continent. But in Germany the average wage of mine-workers is only 8s. a day, in France 9s. and in Belgium 4s. 3½d., and in all these countries railway rates also stand on a much lower level than in this country.

Fortunately, the tide is setting somewhat in our favour. Continental costs tend, on the whole, to rise, and to-day, for example, with the help of the reductions in costs of production which the owners secured after the 1926 stoppage through the eight hours' day and wages adjustments, we are 4s. a ton better off in competition with Germany than we were before.

Pestering politicians

These are the sober facts which lie at the root of the British coal problem, and in face of them any fair-minded man will realise the enormous difficulties with which the industry has had to cope.

To add to its troubles, the coal problem has been for years the happy hunting-ground of Party politicians on the look-out for a popular programme, and the management of the industry has been pestered by the attentions of professional politicians and amateur critics, whose knowledge of the industry is nil, and whose guiding principle seems to be that the best way to keep a ship off the rocks is to keep sniping at the man at the wheel.

Let us briefly examine one or two of their solutions.

It is often said that the coal industry is too big, and must be permanently cut down in size. Now, Germany and the other Continental coal-producing countries are all producing more than pre-war, and we are producing less, because with the help of low wages and low transport charges they have temporarily captured the markets of British coal and of the British coal-consuming industries.

Those who take up the un-British attitude that we must permanently abandon our natural advantages in this way must also explain what they propose to do with the surplus population which would no longer be required in the coal, iron and steel and other industries.

As a matter of fact, if the coal industry were reduced as suggested, the first result of a revival of industry in this country would be a coal famine which would nip it in the bud.

Farcical fallacy

Others suggest that financial amalgamations of colliery companies into larger units are the cure. Now, in some of the manufacturing industries, such amalgamations have had valuable results. In an extractive industry like coal-mining, their possibilities are more limited, but within these limits they can usefully be, and are being, effected.

But to propose amalgamations as a remedy for the present problem of the coal industry is like proposing a dose of physic to mend a broken leg.

As a matter of fact, many of the big amalgamations in the coal industry are feeling the effects of the depression perhaps even more acutely than the smaller undertakings.

The German coal industry, with all its amalgamations, is paying its miners nearly 2s. a day less than the British miner. Indeed, four years ago the German miner was only receiving little more than half of the British miner's wage.

As I have already said, the tendency is towards an improvement of the very inferior wages and working conditions on the Continent.

In the meantime, the losses incurred through the excessive competition which is taking place are serious, and in different coalfields the colliery-owners are engaged in working out a co-ordinated marketing policy which will assist in maintaining the best possible wages for the miner and prevent

Mr. W. A. Lee, C.B.E.

the serious wastage of the capital resources of the industry.

Fortunately, industrial relations in the industry show a great change. Discussions now take place between employers and workmen in the different coalfields instead of between central bodies in London—a change which facilitates closer co-operation in approaching the problems which it is in the common interest of both sides to solve.

Strife's havoc

There is a more general realisation of the seriousness of the situation, and a determination to avoid the constant strife which has played such havoc with the coal industry and with the trade of the country during the last few years.

The near future may hold in store advances in methods of coal treatment and utilisation which may exercise a far-reaching effect upon the coal industry. Pulverised fuel has already established itself and will probably prove a valuable agency in regaining much of the ground lost to oil fuel in the ships' bunker trade.

Whether low temperature carbonisation will ever be able to establish itself as a commercial possibility is a matter of acute difference of opinion among experts, and none of the many confident claims of success made in the past by various of the many processes has proved well-founded.

Hydrogenation, or the complete conversion of coal into oil by great pressure at high temperatures, on which the British Colliery Owners' Research Association has conducted much research work, possesses still more radical possibilities.

Temporary eclipse

To these possibilities the colliery-owners are thoroughly alive, and much of the work that has been done has been in association with colliery-owners.

The existence of such possibilities emphasises the necessity for the maintenance of peace and the re-establishment of prosperity in the industry, in order that its attention may be concentrated on the important problems involved, and that there may be both the confidence and the financial resources necessary to embark on the very large capital expenditure that would be entailed.

I am no pessimist as to the future of our coal industry. The technique of our mining engineers and the skill of our miners will compare with any in the world, and the natural advantages which we possess by reason of the quality of our coal and our favourable geographical position are only temporarily eclipsed by abnormally low wages and working conditions in competing countries.

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To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—Though it is illegal, under the Health Insurance Acts, for medical men to compound the medicines they prescribe, Mr. Westwood tells of one who formed a limited company in the drug-dispensing line, of which he himself owns practically all the shares. I cannot believe that many doctors would stoop to such undignified evasion, but for the protection of the public and the credit of an honourable profession, I invite you to institute a stringent enquiry. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—You are confident that we have "passed through the worst blackness" of trade depression and wish to see the matter of trade revival brought into the clear air "outside the limits of mere Party squabbles." So do I, but I would go a step further. I would like to see all our Secretaries of State come out of their watertight compartments, and when there is a prospect of reviving trade put their heads together in a sincere attempt to end the awful tragedy of unemployment. JOHN BULL.

To LORD CUSHENDUN, British Representative, League of Nations.

MY LORD,—Your decision to give most serious attention to Russia's drastic proposal for the complete abolition of armaments, and not to ignore it because it chances to emanate from Moscow, is one of which I unreservedly approve. The Soviet Government has applied the acid test to the good faith of civilisation, and unless its plan be examined with sympathetic consideration the peoples will draw the only logical conclusion. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir ESME HOWARD, G.C.M.G., British Ambassador to America.

DEAR SIR,—"So ubiquitous are British trade and finance," you told a Cincinnati audience, "that, whatever may be the outcome of any war, we are bound to be the losers." When the world begins to realise that this is true, not only of the British Empire, but of every civilised nation in the world, then, and then only, will the end to warfare be in sight. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P., St. Ermins, Caxton Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—You do well to explode the erroneous idea that plural voting is a thing of the past, and to emphasise the fact that the imminent franchise extension is certain to increase the evil, since women will vote on their husband's qualification. Our class electoral system cries out for reform in this respect, and while we are about it we must see that every vote carries equal weight, and that no Government is allowed to assume office unless backed by an actual majority. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. F. W. PETHICK-LAWRENCE, M.P., Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.

DEAR SIR,—You do well to remind us that the greatest wealth of a country is human wealth, and the most potent capital human life. In the wise development of the race, physical and mental, lies the future welfare of the Empire, and economies which curtail the opportunities of the young are the maddest extravagance. JOHN BULL.

To LORD RIDDELL, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

MY LORD,—Your praise of charwomen as the salt of the earth is as refreshing as it is unusual. They are heroines doing most useful work in keeping our private and public buildings clean and wholesome, yet very little is ever made of their labours. A saner world would remember these workers as of value. Meanwhile, I hope the present age will be shrewdly pricked by your reminder. JOHN BULL.

To the MARQUIS of EXETER, C.M.G., Hyde Park Gardens, W.

MY LORD,—Self-confessed as "an unsuccessful agriculturist," you find yourself forced by law to pay farm labourers more than they are worth. Your opinion that if such worked twenty-four hours a day they could not earn 30s. a week would come more graciously if you had experimented on living on similar wages yourself. Meanwhile, why not look to our abominable land laws for the flaw in agricultural prosperity, and quit trying to make farming more difficult by the imposition of more tariffs? JOHN BULL.

To the Lord ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY, Lambeth Palace, S.W.

YOUR GRACE,—After the wearisome concentration on Prayer Book problems, you welcome the promotion of peace and the well-being of the world. I agree that it is along this path the way of the century's true progress lies. It brings in a great breath of fresh air, and the wonder is that the Church has not been the first to set wide open both windows and doors. JOHN BULL.

To Brig.-General P. R. C. GROVES, C.B., C.M.G., Astor House, Aldwych, W.C.

DEAR SIR,—Speaking as an expert, you confess that "the value of anti-aircraft fire is so slight as to be almost negligible." Certainly it killed friend and foe alike in the last war. But why use that as an argument in favour of still more deadly war-in-the-air machines. The sane way is to stop the beastly business altogether, instead of developing it further. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. C. LAKE, Chairman, Strood Rural District Council.

DEAR SIR,—Because five elderly road-men in the employ of your council have come into possession of an old-age pension, their wages are to be reduced by 5s. a week. That this shameful procedure was carried and these five honest men robbed of their right to a little betterment says little for your council's sense of justice or humanity. I hope Strood will remember the matter when elections come round. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. J. COLLINS, Probation Officer, Burton.

DEAR SIR,—That one of the most energetic pickpockets you know was taught his skill in a Home Office school does not necessarily condemn those institutions. It rather points to a great national forgetfulness, that punishment of the body is of little use without serious attempt to train the mind and enlighten the spirit. What the old evangelists termed "conversion" has its points. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. ARTHUR R. L. GARDNER, Fordwych Road, N.W.

DEAR SIR,—As a former prison visitor and present worker among ex-prisoners, you don't find our penal system effecting much social regeneration. I agree that the law-breaker is a psychological problem, to be treated as such, but until psychology enters into our selection of legislators we shan't get much further. You can't get improvement at the lowest end of the social scale unless it first begins at the top. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER: "In no walk of life are men of ability too common."

In political life they are too conspicuous—by their absence.

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SIR ERNEST BENN: "Taking the world as a whole, we find it suffering from surplus of labour and shortage of wealth."

Nonsense. What the world suffers from is shortage of statesmanship to use the labour and make the wealth go round.

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SIR ARTHUR DICKSON: "Waste doubles the effect of high taxation."

Why not say openly that it is Government waste that causes high taxation?

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SIR JOHN JARVIS: "The local railway train is going the way of the Sedan chair and stage coach."

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THE SCANDAL OF THE MINES

Industry's Greatest Debacle

THE article on page 15 of this issue by Mr. Lee, the Secretary of the Mining Association, has a peculiar interest for us, and we think it will have the same interest for our readers.

It was our original intention to print two articles on this page. We have always believed that the prosperity of this country depends to a tremendous extent on the speed with which the basis of all industries—coal—can be put on a secure and economic foundation.

We thought the time had come when the public should be put into possession of the facts of the case stated impartially, and to this end we invited Mr. Lee to contribute the mineowners' case, and we had hoped to get an authoritative statement of the miners' case from some responsible official. These articles we proposed to present side by side so that our readers, with the facts before them, could form their own conclusion as to the side on which right lay.

Mr. Lee presented his case willingly, but from Mr. Herbert Smith downwards we were unable to get any accredited miners' leader to state the case for the miners. There was not one of them willing to put pen to paper on behalf of his men!

We therefore invited Mr. Lee to utilise the whole of the page for the presentation of his case.

WE feel free to say that, having seen the mineowners' case, we are not impressed. Conditions in the mining industry have become a national scandal and a social tragedy. Nearly one-fourth of the mine workers are unemployed. Nearly one-third of the mines normally in operation have been closed down.

Wages in all the coal-fields, allowing for short-time working, have fallen below the level of bare subsistence. In many of the mining communities stark poverty exists which the local authorities, burdened with colossal debts, are quite unable to relieve.

The misery and hopelessness of the mining population in many areas to-day are in heart-breaking contrast to the stable, prosperous and thriving conditions which existed only a few years ago.

This is the situation with which the mineowners still have to deal, and we cannot see from Mr. Lee's article that they have even begun to grasp the elements of the affair. Yet for twelve months they have had a completely free hand.

THEY have had district agreements, wage reductions, a longer working day, increased output, lower cost of production, competitive prices in the coal markets of the world, and freedom from political interference in developing large-scale production by amalgamations and in the setting up of selling associations.

These were their demands in 1926 and they have all been conceded. Yet the result is simply an economic *débâcle*. What more evidence is required of the mineowners' incompetence?

The Samuel Report, which cost this country thirty millions sterling in one way and another, still remains dusty and untouched. There has not been the slightest attempt to put these recommendations into operation; nor can we see any evidence of willingness on the part of the mineowners to move along these lines.

Are we to wait indefinitely whilst the mining community proves, through its hunger and its misery, that the mineowners are as incompetent as ever to save the situation; or are we at last to do what Royal Commission after Royal Commission has decided and bring a national industry under the control of the nation?

Mr. Herbert Smith, President of the Miners' Federation, who, in common with other miners' representatives, declined to state the miners' case

WHERE IS OUR HUMANITY?

Cock-Eyed Justice

THE unequal hand of the law, as laid upon persons brought up in police courts, is enough to make the Angel of Pity hide her face in shame. We have often arraigned it. We shall continue to do so as each week brings its new batch of really flagrant cases.

Here are a few. At Fishguard, Mrs. Florence Owen, of Bryngwyn, was charged with stealing 12 lb. of hay. It was valued at 9d. Sobbing bitterly, she told the magistrates she had no intention of doing wrong. She was fined £10.

About the same time, in Keith Police Court, a charge against George Forbes Sheare and John George Thind, butchers, was heard at great length. These men —and others—have long been suspected of dealing in rotten meat infected with tuberculosis and condemned by inspectors. *This is the first case proved.*

The court described it as "an enormity, the most abominable and serious offence that could be committed," and both men would be fined £10!

In Dunfermline Sheriff Court, John Cornwallis, a respectable, tidy, but unemployed young labourer, was charged with stealing three bars of chocolate cream.

He said he knew it was wrong, but he hated to see his wife and little children, one a baby, ailing and hungry. He had tramped all over the district, and had walked up to thirty miles a day on a bit of dry toast, in a search for work. The bed blankets had been cut up for the children's trousers and the remaining sheets for shirts.

Everything available had been pawned, and out of 29s. unemployment pay 11s. went for rent. He was sent to prison for a fortnight.

At Ilkeston also, about the same time, magistrates felt impelled to send a father to prison, accompanied by a woman not his wife.

Thomas Taylor and Bettie Toon had starved their three-year-old boy, reduced him to skin and bone, kept him filthy, and locked him up in a dirty outhouse, to sit on an old refuse pail, when he shivered with cold and cried. The couple were given a month.

At Aylsham Petty Sessions, when Harold Andrews, of Wimbledon, was charged with stealing sixpennyworth of oats, the case was delayed a fortnight until the accused could raise the fare. Once arrived, he fell with an awful crash, and became so ill that it took the superintendent and four police-constables to attend him while a doctor administered chloroform.

It was then found that his head had hit the floor, on the scar of a dreadful war wound, and his condition was perilous. In consideration of this, and the £2 he had expended, it was magnanimously decided not to proceed with the charge of the handful of oats.

We leave it there. No comments of ours could add anything to such a terrible tale. But is it any wonder that day by day our post-bag bulges with letters asking, "Have humanity and justice departed from these shores?"

USELESS!

A Wicked Shame

WE never cease to knock at the doors of the Government, insisting that the problem of unemployment be tackled. We are equally urgent that the supply of unemployables should be checked at the source.

It is bad enough when youth enters dead-end employment. It is worse when men serve the country for the best years of their life and then find themselves adrift with no skill or earning capacity in their fingers.

Sergeant John Walsh is a case in point. He served twelve long years with the R.E. Signals and then returned to civilian life. He was full of eagerness. He had ambition and was anxious to get on.

But in all these years in the Army he had been given no vocational training whatever. He now finds that neither ambition nor reward of distinguished service avails to keep a man's head above water unless he also has skill to offer that somebody wants to buy.

Since his Army service was completed he has floundered, taking odd jobs, sinking further every day towards utter destitution.

He is merely typical of thousands. The Army recruits thousands of youngsters every year to render them unemployable in civilian life when military service ends.

Such may be highly efficient soldiers, but a man fresh from service abroad, from an outlying station, is out of touch with civilisation. He cannot fit in with everyday affairs without training.

Vocational Training Centres exist at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon. They must be extended and there must be more.

That 120,000 men can be discharged from the Army in three years, fewer than 3,000 of whom held a living in their fingers, is a bad blot on civilisation.

Such training must form a part of every soldier's daily routine.

The Monte Carlo Babes

by A. G. GARDINER

IF our administrative system became rotten, the nation would become rotten. To prevent any deterioration of our standards of conduct, any departure from these standards must be visited with the utmost severity

Mr. A. G. Gardiner

THE little circle in Mount Street is dissolved and we can all breathe more freely in consequence. The official vacuum-cleaner has tidied up the mess and cleared the litter away. Mr. Gregory has been dismissed from the public service and his gambling partners, have passed into various phases of eclipse.

That circle, like many financial adventures of the sort, began in a hopeful mood. Its object was quite simple. It was to get rich quick. The medium for getting rich quick was foreign exchanges, and especially French francs, which were floundering about in an intoxicated fashion.

All one had to do, it seemed, was to buy millions of francs when they were going to rise, sell them before settling-day and pocket the "difference."

Well-equipped circle

On the face of it, it looked as easy as falling off a tree. There was no need to have any money to buy the francs, for the object was not to take them up, but to nip into the market and pop out of the market between the accounts. All that was necessary was to know, so to speak, how the cat—that is, the franc—was going to jump. And on this point the circle, like most gambling fraternities, felt that it was strongly equipped.

Mr. Gregory himself was Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office and might be assumed to know something about the probable currents of things, Mr. O'Malley was also a distinguished official of the Foreign Office, Mrs. Dyne had been Mr. Gregory's secretary at the Foreign Office, and, in addition to all this, the circle had the advice and encouragement of Mr. Peter Wright, who had not at that time had the misfortune to get into conflict with Lord Gladstone.

Leading the world

But, in spite of all these apparent guarantees of success, the circle was not successful. Instead of nipping in at the right moment, it had an incurable tendency to nip in at the wrong moment. And as it could not take up the shares, it had to pay instead of receive the "differences," with the result that Mr. Gregory, instead of making a fortune, lost £20,000 and the rest of the circle were proportionately afflicted.

Then came the action against Mrs. Dyne for her share of the "differences," and the consequent exposure of the doings of the Mount Street circle. The Government intervened, an enquiry was instituted and the rest we know.

I am not disposed to hit a man when he is down. Mr. Gregory and his fellow-gamblers have come an awful cropper and have paid a heavy penalty, and one may feel a certain sympathy with them.

But it is necessary to be quite clear in our minds why the penalty had to be inflicted and why it is just. There is nothing more vital to this country than the honour and probity of our Civil Service. In this matter we lead the world. Probably Germany is the only country which approaches our standard. In France, Italy, the United States, the public service is honeycombed with corruption and bribery.

We have been fortunate in building up a system which has attracted the best type of mind and character that the country has at its command. And the result is that, in a public sense, we are the best administered community in the world.

We demand from our Civil servants that they should be above suspicion. We expect a code of conduct more rigorous than we look for in the general community. And that expectation is almost universally honoured.

International danger

It has been dishonoured in this case. It is not suggested, of course, that if Civil servants have any money to invest or to play with they may not invest or play with it, like the rest of us, in any reasonable way they choose.

But Mr. Gregory and his friends were not investing money they had got. They were engaged in the most flagrant gamble. They were "buying" francs by the million, not with the intention of paying for them, but in the hope of selling them at a profit before payment became due.

That would have been an intolerable breach of the unwritten law in any Civil servant. It was peculiarly intolerable in the present case. The fluctuations of the French franc were a matter of first-rate political importance.

They involved the financial destinies of France, and there was no subject about which the French Government was more sensitive. It believed and it said—quite untruly—that the fluctuations were partly the result of external machinations, and it was alleged in the Press that foreign countries were playing with the exchange for political ends.

This was, I repeat, untrue; but what was true was that highly placed officials in the British Foreign Office were engaged in private gambling in precisely that commodity which every consideration of discretion should have warned them off.

That they did not make use of any official secrets in their operations is evident from the completeness of their failure to put their money on the right horse. But that does not touch the point.

Indefensible scandal

That men placed in a position of the highest responsibility could be guilty of gambling in the currency of a friendly, but disturbed and suspicious, neighbour argues a levity of mind that is almost unthinkable and that demanded the drastic punishment it has received.

There are two comments that remain. I have heard only one opinion in the Civil Service on that punishment. It is one of unanimous approval of the penalty. But the opinion is accompanied by a rider. It is this—that the same standard of probity should be insisted on among politicians that is laid down for the Civil Service.

When Ministers in office, they say, are found to be gambling in shares not remotely connected with Government interests, they should be dismissed as Mr. Gregory has been dismissed. I agree.

The other point relates to the unreformed character of the Foreign Office. The recruitment of this department is unlike that of any other department of the Civil Service. Every other department is open by competition to the best brains available. The Foreign Office alone is a close preserve. You do not enter by competition. You enter by nomination, because you have influence behind you.

Ability of the most indisputable kind will not get you in; but you may be a dunce and still get in by the grace of someone who knows the secret entrance to the department. This is a scandal that has long been indefensible. I hope that, as a result of the break of the Mount Street circle, this blot on the Civil Service will be wiped out.

A Halo

War films depict the biggest lie imaginable. "Glory" is paraded; horror and beastliness is hidden. Were truth shown war would be no more

WHEN a man is what newspaper reporters love to call a music-hall "magnate" and is also by way of being a picture-house magnate, his views on the conduct of that business are not without some public interest. Since the cinema plays such a large part in people's lives his views are even of some importance.

Mr. A. F. Holt

It appears that one such magnate proposed to show a German war film, "The War through German Spectacles," and when his attention was drawn to a complaint that the film was anti-British, he retorted, according to the published report of the interview:

"I am not concerned with the suggestion that the picture may be anti-British. *Sentiment cannot be allowed to interfere with business.* I have to look at the matter from the angle of the box-office—is it good entertainment and will it draw?"

There is a certain frankness—perhaps almost a brutal frankness—about that declaration which is not by any means common.

The box-office test may be the sole test applied by the cinema trade as a whole, but prominent members of that trade do not usually proclaim the fact from the house-tops: perhaps because such a declaration is a complete answer to all who object to the existence of a film censorship.

I HOLD no brief either for or against the showing of the Edith Cavell film, although I can quite imagine that its showing might prove to be quite effective peace propaganda; but if the box-office test was the sole test, can anyone doubt that the film would be shown? Can anyone doubt its potential drawing power?

It has been banned for reasons other than and on a far higher level than any connected with the box-office. In spite of the gentleman I have quoted, sentiment has been allowed to interfere with business. And rightly so.

The cinema trade influences the youth of the country too much for us to allow its direction to be

The Tiger's Whiskers

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

***"TAKE my word for it; if you had seen but one day of war you would pray to Almighty God that you might never again see even an hour of war."*—The Duke of Wellington**

N a recent debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain made a remark which should be burnt into the memories of every man and woman in this country. Unemployment," he said, " is inevitable after war." It is not often that one finds a politician, en by accident, paying homage to that much-glected commodity, the truth.

For once, Mr. Neville Chamberlain's tongue trayed him and in one blasting sentence he has posed the whole hollowness of the cheap triotism and the flamboyant appeals to emotion d self-interest with which the masses of the ople are herded into the slaughter whenever e politicians find their futile machinery has oken down, and wish to avoid paying for their n mistakes themselves.

It is no wonder that " unemployment is in-itable after a war." At a moderate estimate the st war destroyed something like £50,000,000,000 rth of capital; it dislocated trade; it destroyed nes and factories and made such an unholy ss of everything that makes life worth living at life will not ever again be worth living for ny of the generation that was hoodwinked 1914.

Very shortly the League of Nations is going have to face the startling world-disarmament oposals that Russia is going to insist shall be cussed at Geneva.

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Even Lord Cushendun, the British delegate to neva, says that they cannot be ignored, how-r much they may be criticised. Russia has only challenged the whole problem of dis-nament by inviting the world to disarm, but even drawn up concrete and very precise posals as to how this disarmament should be ught about.

t is a complete facer for all the politicians who years have thought that by talking disarma-nt and doing precisely nothing they would make their peoples believe that they were very much in earnest, on the principle that the greater the noise the less the likelihood of their futility being exposed.

It will puzzle them very considerably, when faced with a definite proposal to disarm, to find convincing reasons why they should retain their armaments.

Convicting compromise

I am afraid, however, that I am not among those who have heralded the Russian proposals with unbounded delight. I must confess that the problem of disarmament as such does not greatly excite me.

I certainly admit that if nobody had any armaments it would be much more difficult for anyone to fight. But it has always seemed to me that to talk of disarmament is to begin at the wrong end of the stick.

When it comes to deciding whether guns shall be 8 inch guns or 6 inch guns, I am less interested than ever. It would not matter to me whether I was shot by a 6 inch gun or an 8 inch gun. If the shell burst anywhere around, I should be shot just as effectively, no matter what the size of the gun.

Nor can I get excited because we have a few hundred thousand soldiers less than we used to have, or because somebody proposes that we should have a few less warships than we used to have.

The fallacy in all talk of disarmament is that it still leaves war a recognised method, even though its use be strictly limited, of settling international disputes. *You cannot fight war effectively if you compromise with it to the slightest degree.*

The thing that is destroying in advance any attempt at disarmament or any other supposed method of lessening the risk of war between nations is that nobody seems to recognise the fact that there is no law on the side of international peace. All the law is on the side of war. War is recognised, sheltered, and protected by international law. In every country war is recognised as a completely lawful act.

Lord Cushendun, the British representative at Geneva

What in the world is the good of playing round the question of the size of guns or the number of soldiers so long as you refuse to alter the fact that the most evil thing in the history of mankind is recognised everywhere as a positive legality?

The crime of war

There is only one proposal that has ever aroused me to any real enthusiasm, and that is the proposal that the first step towards peace is to outlaw war.

It is no good pretending that it cannot be done. It has been done again and again in the history of mankind with institutions that were just as deeply rooted in the traditions of society as ever war was.

It has been done with piracy, with slavery, and even with so universal a custom as duelling. There came a time in all these things when civilised society said: " We want no more of them; they are crimes outside the pale of all law and those who indulge in them shall be treated as criminals." When that was done an end was put to their activities.

We shall never make much headway in the fight against war until we treat it as those other evils were treated. I can see no reason except hypocrisy preventing every civilised nation agreeing out of hand that war is outlawed, illegal, unlawful—call it what you like, so long as you make it clear that war is an internationally recognised crime and those indulging in it internationally recognised criminals.

It is the starting-point of the whole business, and the next step would be to put the best brains of the world at work re-codifying international law in such a way as to make it do for the positive organisation of peace what it now does for the wholly useless and evil organisation of war.

Futile quibbling

It would solve at one stroke all the silly arguing about " aggressors," all the futile quibbling about what is and what is not an " aggressive " war, since if civilisation agreed that war was a crime anyone who went to war would automatically be the aggressor, and would stand forth to the world branded as an international criminal.

Mankind is supposed to be the apex of the creative system. It is supposed to be composed of beings who are only " a little lower than the angels."

Has God done His work so incompetently that there does not exist in this colossal creation sufficient common-sense to rid the world once and for all of something that the whole world passionately desires to cast off?

und Hell

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

uenced entirely and only by reasons of business f cash.

S it is, sentiment is not permitted to interfere enough; the purely cash side counts for far much. Is that not evident when one of the men of the industry confesses that he is " concerned " with the suggestion that a ure which he proposes to show may be anti-tish?

ritics of the Cavell film protest that the travail noble soul has been exploited for the purpose ain, but do not all war films involve the ex-tation of pain and misery and death for the pose of gain?

o not the people who show films which are berately designed to encourage the growth of pirit of militarism commit a grave offence nst humanity for the purpose of gain?

o the people who exhibit the war films believe one moment that any one of these films tells whole truth about war?

he rising generation may believe that they do, the fact is that if a film did happen to tell the h about war, sentiment would so interfere business that it would be impossible to show film in public.

In the film, " The War through German Spectacles," for instance, we are shown " Big Bertha " in the act of bombarding Paris, but I do not read that we are also shown the scene when one of Big Bertha's shells struck a church in Paris, carrying death and mutilation to a hundred people.

A war film is always a good box-office draw. The Government has given assistance to the making of over a score of them. Why?

Not for box-office reasons; not for any cash benefit which may accrue to the Government from the pictures, but because the latter are, in their view, good war propaganda.

OUR rulers permit film producers to exploit the Army and the Navy for the purpose of private gain, simply because the effect of war pictures cultivates that war mentality which it is the interest of our warmongers and of our armament-makers to encourage.

Sentiment must not be permitted to interfere with business in the cinema trade, forsooth! It is time, and more than time, that sentiment did interfere effectively enough to prevent the Government of the country co-operating with film companies in advertising the " glory " and hiding the beastliness of war.

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THE WORLD'S WORST WOMAN

by **HENRY S. DOIG, Barrister-at-Law**

WHEN evil women set themselves to corrupt children, their infamy seems to be as unfathomable as the bottomless pit. Such women are about, unfortunately, and the ultimate fate of their victims is too horrible to contemplate

A COMMENT of Congreve, the English dramatist, that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, has passed into the currency of our language.

An even more drastic statement might be made in plain prose: a degraded woman is a fury ten times more insidious and ten times more dangerous.

Some such women offer one of the most baffling social problems of our time. The other day, Mrs. Alice Wilson, of Prestwich, was found guilty at Manchester of shoplifting.

She had with her a thirteen-year-old step-daughter, who she was training to be a dexterous shop-thief.

"It is one of the worst things I have heard in my life," said the convicting magistrate. Unfortunately, it is also a thing neither isolated nor uncommon.

Useful material

A woman monster—there is no other word for her—ran a Fagin's thieves' kitchen in the East End of London, where she taught little girls, usually about the age of twelve, to become expert bag-stealers, shoplifters and pickpockets.

Particularly she sought out good-looking and nicely dressed youngsters, the children of respectable parents. It saved her the trouble of teaching them correct speech and deportment.

Her practice was to take two of them to a big departmental store, each day in a different district, and to make her way to the millinery department.

You could not teach this harridan, who is now in jail, much about the psychology of sex. She knew that when a woman is trying on a new hat she will almost always put her handbag on the counter or a chair.

While the woman and one child engaged the attention of the shop-assistant, the other child slipped the handbag under her coat and sauntered away. If the loss were discovered, the woman and child were immune.

Nothing could be found on them, nothing known against them; they had only to protest that the missing child was a stranger who came in at the same time that they did.

Damnable game

When London got too hot to hold this heartless harpy she would spend a month or two in the big provincial cities, returning with renewed zest to the damnable game of child perversion.

She appeared to have no difficulty in finding children to work upon—picking them up in or outside sweet-shops in suburban streets, taking them to the pictures, treating them well and then perverting their minds.

She never paid them enough to arouse the suspicions of their parents, and when they got too old to be useful at her trade there was always another, even more appalling, to which they could be passed on, if they must have money.

Parents are sometimes aghast to discover that their dearly loved children have become the victims of merciless ogres, male and female,

Henry S. Doig

whom it seemed impossible that they could ever have known. The harpy of the sweetshop and the cinema is often the dreadful clue.

If there could be a worse woman than this child-snatcher it is another who has actually trained her own daughter to become a domestic servant—and an accomplice of burglars.

A cruel grip

This unnatural mother, who is a woman of education and once held a quite good social standing, arranges the false references and poses as the girl's recent employer. She, by the way, has done her stretch in jail—on the Continent—for theft.

It is too dangerous to use always the same burglar's decoy. This woman advertises in provincial papers for a simple country girl—she has a weakness for Welsh parlourmaids and kitchen-maids—gets them posts, pays their fare and introduces the amatory burglar, who soon acquires the knowledge he needs to make his robbing easy and safe.

This woman, moreover, is in with the bullies of disorderly houses, the race-gangs and the thugs and hired bravoes of the underworld. Once a girl has made a first slip she is in the grip, and threats of force, exposure and false charges do the rest.

A sad and shameful thing about this degradation of young children is that sometimes outwardly respectable parents know that their children are going wrong and wink at it. Poor human nature is weak, and the dividing line between virtue and vice is never a fixed boundary.

Social workers like Miss Burnell, of Old Street Police Court, like Miss Payne and Miss Saunders and others who labour for the welfare of the unfortunate, know many cases of girls who have been helped to break away from enforced crime.

Naturally they cannot make them public; the confidences the victims give to them have something of the sacredness of the confessional.

How, then, are we to deal with this problem, how to safeguard innocent and unwary girlhood against the infamous and inhuman wretches who seek, for a few pieces of silver, to betray them and drag them down?

With the female Fagins, once the police have caught them, it is easy.

Thrown on the muck-heap

Roman lawyers, in inflicting punishment, took into consideration the greatness or the smallness of the evil likely to result from the crime.

What evil could be greater than the deliberate soiling of innocent and helpless girls and then the wanton throwing of them on to the muck-heap of the underworld, there to fester and become further sources of infection. Could any permissible sentence be too heavy or too savage?

"The interests of justice are sacred; the interests of the offender are sacred; but the interests of society are thrice sacred," wrote M. Anatole France, one of the wisest men of the country whose name he bore.

What of the quasi-respectable parents who complacently allow the children they should warn and shield to be constantly exposed to temptation?

To take the children from them and put them in reformatories would be a very great punishment, for these parents, criminally careless as they are, are often gentle and self-sacrificing.

And the social-welfare workers are practically unanimous in this—that even an indifferent home, unless it be actually a den of vice or crime, gives the child a better chance than segregation with other little outcasts in the great institutions of repression and restriction.

The statistics of mental deficiency that come from these places are too formidable.

Sensible sentences

But why not give a chance to an extended form of preventive and conditional punishment?

Why not impose sentences both on parents who have exposed their children to temptation and condoned wrongdoing and on the wayward children themselves, that will *not* be carried out until the offenders show by further offences that they are unwilling to amend?

Here is a germ of judicial conception which will give a chance for second and wiser thoughts for the help and guidance of the social welfare and aid societies' trained experts.

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A CROOK OF ALL CRIMES

The Demon Doctor

BEHIND the conviction at the Old Bailey recently of a middle-aged wrong-doer named Gerald Newman lies a story which JOHN BULL alone can tell.

Newman, who has had a most chequered career, was born in Hastings fifty-five years ago.

From an early age wayward characteristics became apparent, and though he often struggled to lead an honest life in the frequent intervals in which he was free from prison incarceration, he could not wholly reform.

There are two facts about Gerald Newman that stand out conspicuously.

One is that he is easily the ugliest crook amongst the thousands whose portraits adorn the "Rogues' Gallery" at Scotland Yard; the other is that the sweetheart of his youth, Henrietta Louisa Hollamby, drifted into the underworld with him and, throughout the ensuing years, has remained steadfastly at his side.

Birds of a feather

Through pain and pleasure, through trial and tribulation, these two birds of passage have kept together, and jointly have become a grave menace to society.

At the threshold of his criminal career, Newman fell into the hands of the police for cycle-stealing. Then he burgled a house, and was sent to jail for a brief spell.

As we have hinted, jail did not have a reforming influence, and when he emerged again he was more wayward in his habits than ever.

Then he married, and for a time lived in perfect harmony with his wife. But the lure of the underworld was too strong for him and he gradually returned to its depths.

Leaving his wife dependent upon the rates, he met a woman of evil character and "married" her.

The police soon discovered his double life, and Newman next appeared in the dock in the rôle of bigamist, for which offence he was sent to prison once again.

But his act of bigamy was by no means his worst crime. The woman he had bigamously married was leading a life of shame, and Newman had by this time fallen so low that he thought nothing of encouraging her in her drab existence or of living upon the money she thus provided.

Foolish lapse

Indeed, his eyes had opened to far greater possibilities in this sordid union, and he made up his mind to batten upon the various men who fell so easily into his partner's toils.

His plan was simple, and the risk was slight. He made it his practice to acquaint himself with the private affairs of the men who visited his confederate's flat; then, at a suitable moment, he would demand money from them under the threat of exposing their secret lapses.

How far Newman succeeded in his appalling conduct we do not know; but we are aware that on one occasion he was so certain of his dupe that he wrote a letter threatening immediate exposure unless a definitely stipulated sum of money was forthcoming.

This, however, proved to be a very foolish lapse on his part, for the man, refusing to be so easily blackmailed,

Gerald Newman

consulted the police, and Newman, who was then passing as "C. Richards," was arrested.

Once again he went to jail, and when he came out a year or so later, he drifted to Manchester and soon became a familiar figure in that city's underworld.

Week-end haul

For a time, however, his operations were conducted with quiet serenity and did not attain notoriety. Then he launched out as recklessly as ever and embarked upon a daring enterprise in company with a confederate.

During a certain week-end he broke into a building by means of an upper window, and, attaining the roof, crossed the leads to an adjacent warehouse, which he entered by way of the skylight.

There, with the caretaker oblivious of his presence, he broke open the strong-room doors, and, with the aid of super chisels and wedges, forced a safe and possessed himself of certain valuable securities.

These he promptly converted into cash, but his neatly executed crime was eventually brought home to him and he was arrested again. He tried to brazen things out by stoutly maintaining his innocence, but was sentenced at Manchester Assizes to three years' penal servitude.

After his release he carried on with determination, and, assuming the name of G. W. Gordon, next posed as a solicitor. Taking an office in the West End of London, he was introduced to a number of clients who, believing him to be a genuine lawyer, entrusted their legal affairs to his hands.

It was, of course, impossible for him to sustain such an audacious imposture for ever, and his career as a "solicitor" came to an ignominious end when he was charged with converting to his own use certain moneys he had recovered by way of damages for his clients.

Wonderful promises

He got in touch, for instance, with a tradesman who had been injured in an accident and, with inspiring optimism, urged the latter to bring an action against the negligent defendant in the courts.

Obtaining substantial fees from the injured man, he promised all kinds of wonderful results concerning damages, but, in the end, the client got nothing at all, and, in addition, lost the "fees" he paid.

Again his zeal received a check and he was forced to endure a further spell of imprisonment, and again he came out to embark upon fresh enterprises.

Lately, with the assistance of Henrietta Hollomby—who, by the way, is known to the police in the aliases of "M. Desmond," "Rita Hollomby" and "Maggie Bertram"—this rogue has been touring the country in the guise of a fully fledged medical man.

Describing himself as "Dr. G. Desmond," he has passed a number of worthless cheques, about which many complaints have been made to the police.

In recent months he has also obtained considerable sums of money by writing begging-letters and by visiting charitable societies with plausible tales of woe.

From one society, for instance, he obtained a substantial donation by pretending that he had a good appointment offered him in Jersey, but was unable to accept it owing to his temporarily reduced circumstances.

He spoke glibly of his wife and family, but all the details of his story were false.

Clever catch

Numerous organisations and all kinds of good-natured people to whom he has penned begging-letters have been duped by him, and, a few weeks ago, when a full story of his career was about to appear in these columns as a warning, he was again arrested. Thus our hand was stayed.

The prison doors have now closed upon him once more, and, on reading this story, everyone will agree that it was more than time that he was put out of harm's way.

Newman was a very difficult criminal to catch in his latest exploits, and Detective-Sergeant Young, of the Criminal Investigation Department, is to be congratulated on the excellent work he has done in this case.

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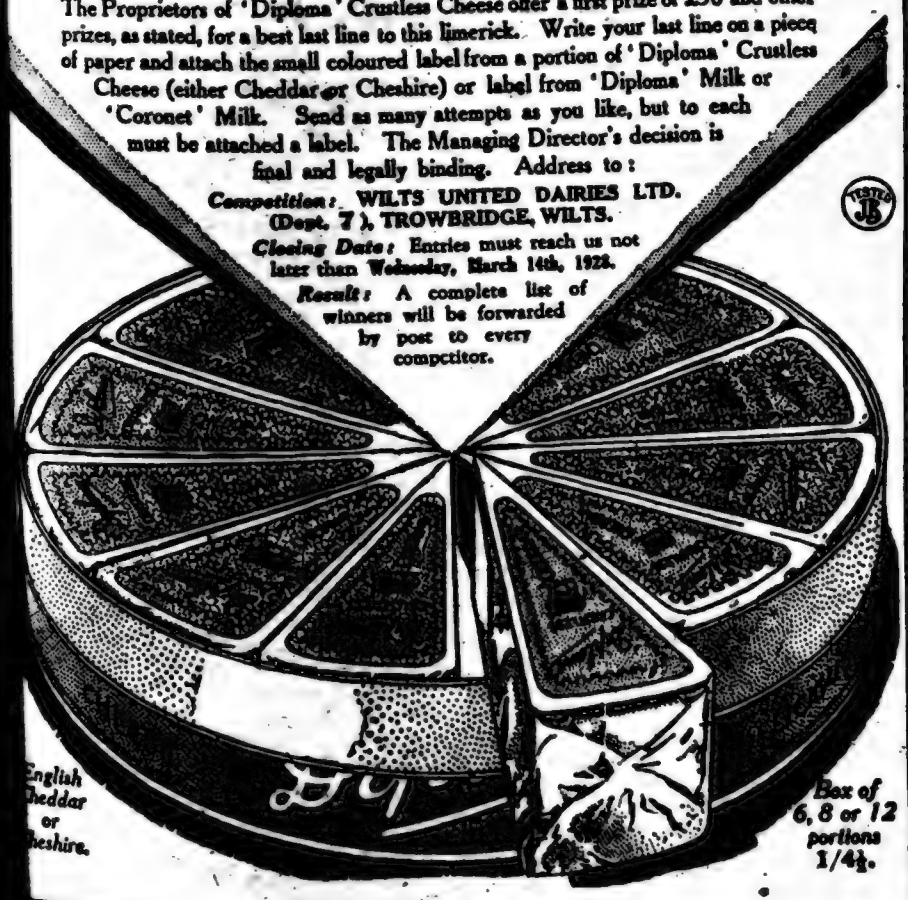

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by **PHILIP INMAN**

WHAT a wealth of tragedy is often summed up in the words, "What might have been!" And yet also what wealth of sunshine is brought into lives when the "What might have been" is changed into terms of reality!

AN AGONISING LOVE CRY

ARTHUR MYERS was an artist. He did not know it, and if you had called him one, he would have laughed in derision. "I do a bit of drawing for a hobby," he would say, "but an artist, not me." But when he showed some specimens of his work, there was no doubt about his skill.

He had done two sketches which would not have shamed a man of greater name and fame. One was of a good-looking girl and her features were exquisitely portrayed; the other was of a little country cottage, surrounded by a trimly kept garden.

A woman was standing in the doorway with a baby in her arms, and underneath had been written the words, "What might have been."

It was only later that it was discovered how close a bearing those pictures had upon the artist's own life. He had come into the hospital for an operation, and when he was asked the usual question, "Are you married or single?" he seemed confused.

"I am a bit of both," he stammered, and a fleeting shadow passed over his face. Then, after a moment's pause, he said, "Better put me down as married," and he tried to smile, but it was a poor attempt.

Nobody who cares

It was when he was asked which relative he would like to be sent for in case of need that he showed some emotion. "That beats me," he lamented; "leastways, nobody who cares."

And it was in those circumstances that Arthur Myers became a patient in the hospital.

The next day he had his operation, and just before he was carried upstairs, he was asked again for the address of his nearest loved one. He shook his head. "If I don't come through they won't care, and if I do come through they will never know." And he carried his secret with him into the room of life and death.

His operation turned out to be far more serious than had been expected, and it was some time before he came round from the effects of the anæsthetic.

During his delirium he called over and over again for someone named "Bessie," but what he wished to say to her could not be deciphered.

The silent answer

Whilst he still lingered in the shadows a visitor arrived at the enquiry office to ask how he was progressing. "Are you a relative?" he was questioned. "No," he replied, "but I have known him for years, and we work in the same shop."

So this visitor was interrogated. "He's got a wife," he said, "but he has not been living with her for a year or two. She left him and ran off with another chap. But she soon got sick of it, and wanted to come back to Myers, but he would not have it."

"Where is she now?" he was asked. "I don't know," he went on; "but some of my mates might know; one of them used to lodge with her mother."

"Bessie" was at that hospital before that day had closed. Her face was worn and haggard, but it was easy to see that she and the girl in the sketch-book were the same. "He is still semi-conscious," she was told; "you had better come to him at once." She shook like a leaf. "I dare not," she murmured, "though God knows I would like to."

"And why not?" she was asked. Her eyes filled with tears. "If he saw me it might upset him and make him worse," she answered sorrowfully.

When she knew that he had called her by name her face became animated. "You can't mean it," she cried. "Oh, tell me it's true, tell me it's true!"

Philip Inman

Arthur Myers remained in the shadows all through that night, and in his delirium he talked a good deal about his wife. She was by his side all the time, and some of the things he said could not have made pleasant hearing for her.

Early the next morning he came round, and when he saw who was sitting there he seemed dazed. "Bessie," he said, "what are you doing here?" And in a few pitiful, pleading words she told him. For a few minutes he closed his eyes and said nothing.

But that silence was too much for her. "Arthur," she said, appealingly, "would you like me to go again?" For answer he put out his hand and clasped hers.

The Sentence of the Court

TORTOISE TRICKERY

Procrastination as a Fine Art

CHARGED with false pretences, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour, lapsed into profound thought, consulted his solicitor, removed some cobwebs from his hair, and, after further brooding, pleaded "Not guilty."

"Like others incapable of rapid thinking and with a loathing of prompt action," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "Sir Arthur seeks to suggest that the slow movement of his mental machinery is due to the enormous complexity of his thoughts, and that his inactivity is inspired by statesmanlike caution.

"The country, however, will not accept this Arthurian legend as excusing the Government's failure to implement the Washington Eight-Hours-Day Convention.

"When this question was raised a year ago, the accused gave Parliament to understand that it was receiving his best attention. At that time the convention had already been ratified by Belgium and France, and the Labour Ministers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy were agreed on minor points.

"Yet, when the matter was again raised last week, the accused had to fall back on moss-grown platitudes about the complicated nature of the subject to excuse a variety of procrastination which is the thief of eternity, rather than of mere time.

"A year ago we were told that the precise meaning of such terms as 'effective labour' constituted the stumbling-block. Now vague references to working conditions in a Czecho-Slovakian sausage foundry are offered to excuse the Government from honouring an agreement acknowledged in 1919, and—to put it on no higher ground—desirable as a mere matter of expediency, as hours of labour here are generally shorter than on the Continent."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that there were grave objections to the convention in its present form. As his client had pointed out, some British industries were now working forty-eight hours a week on the basis of a five-day week. To adopt the convention—which provided for forty-eight hours spread over six days—would imperil such agreements. It was desirable to hasten slowly and not take a wild leap in the dark.

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"It is sheer nauseating humbug to talk of leaps in the dark," said Mr. Justice Bull; "and it is even worse for the prisoner to pretend that an anxiety regarding existing trade union agreements has inspired his imitation of a superannuated tortoise.

"The opposition to this agreement has come, not from the workers, but from the National Confederation of Employers, from one of whose pamphlets the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour appears to have abstracted his devastating arguments relating to foreign sausage factories.

"However, despite the silence of Steel-Maitland as to the true reasons for the Government's obstructive attitude, a former Tory Minister, Major Hills, let the feline out of the sack by announcing that the convention is dead. If this is so, a charge of murder should be brought against someone.

"Personally, I refuse to believe in the convention's death. So, instead of preparing for a premature burial, the prisoner might remember that his own political days are numbered and that this is one of the matters about which he will be judged when it comes to separating the sheep from the goats at the General Election.

"Meanwhile, for falsely pretending that his calculated lethargy was due to solicitude for trade union interests, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland is sentenced to three months' hard Labour-voting in the second (or Opposition) division lobby."

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Words Winged to Women

THE HUMAN DIVIDEND

by MABEL HORNER

"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord" is a very old reminder. The modern equivalent is, "Remove poverty and you will put your money into a bank where good interest will be paid"

THE other day a man said to me, "These widows' pensions are all wrong." I was startled at first, for the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act is one of the best bits of social legislation this country has seen.

It was not gained in a moment. It crowned long years of revolt against undeserved suffering and needless distress. It was a reluctantly granted concession to better treatment of the poor which a country calling itself Christian should have given as a matter of course.

And now, in its final form, the Act stops just short of being Christian. That is what my friend meant. He is a working man and he has a widowed mother. This widow is old, but not quite old enough to qualify for the old-age pension. She has done her duty by the State by bringing up ten children.

Bitter injustice

But she is poor. She has struggled with poverty all her life, and has kept solvent and respectable. Now her husband is dead and she must face the world penniless. She is tired, worn and frail.

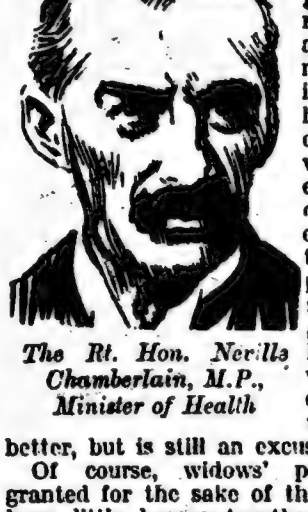
But she must struggle along, doing jobs quite unsuited to her age and strength.

It is not fitting for a woman nearing seventy to rise in the middle of a keen wintry night when extra pressure gives her a job at the village infirmary.

It is not fitting for a woman so old and frail to be glad of a chance to lay out the dead. These jobs must be done, but they are fitting for younger and stronger hands.

It is hard when widows of this age must ask their children for relief when they see younger widows secure in the weekly payments that spell independence.

To make the injustice more bitter, the husband of this widow was an insured worker, but he fell under the anomalies of the Act. He did not die at the precise legal time to secure his widow from privation. In short, the Act secures that the more moral an elderly widow is the more she shall suffer.



The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health

The stock reply of Parliamentarians to these anomalies is not convincing. "The line must be drawn somewhere" is an excuse beneath contempt. The explanation that widows' pensions were specifically granted to help widows with their children still to rear sounds better, but is still an excuse.

Of course, widows' pensions were granted for the sake of the children, to keep little homes together, to prevent separation of mother and baby, and to keep children off the street while mothers went out to earn. They were granted because they pay.

Governments give nothing away. The State contributions to widows' pensions is money well invested. What is paid over to a good mother to bring up her children will be saved many times over in citizenship.

It always pays to prevent starvation, whether of body, mind or soul. Poverty is the most costly luxury in which a nation can indulge. And it is as costly in the case of the elderly widow as the young, for the widow whose family is grown up must look to them for support when her own efforts fail.

And that, at one fell stroke, brings how the cruelty of old pre-pension days Working men do not receive wages designed for the keep of three generations It is struggle enough to make ends meet when their own children come.

We cannot go back to the days when old folk automatically left the fireside for the workhouse when younger mouths arrived to be fed. They deserve better of the State.

Pettifogging meanness

So that is why I address my last word on this subject, not to women, but to you gentlemen of the House of Commons who uphold a national Church to preach Christianity. There is no duty more insistently taught by Christianity than the care of widows "who are widows indeed," especially widows who are old.

Many of you have mothers, old widowed and revered, and I cannot imagine you sitting still, unmoved, if you knew they were penniless, facing the world at all hours, in all weathers, trying to earn a crust.

You would hate to feel they were praying for the hour when seventy years of toil would bring them the relief of a tiny pittance. You would not wait because your heart would be touched.

Do you, then, think it very noble to "ask the blessing of Almighty God upon your labours," and then in those labours sit and boggle at the payment of a few more tiny pensions to these elderly widows now left out in the cold?

In the nature of things it is a diminishing payment that time will remove. Don't build Empire on the starvation of widows, for we women who are still active, and who are taxpayers, find this sort of petty fogging meanness on the part of the free British Parliament very hard to bear.

And the time is not far distant when we shall tell you so in no uncertain terms.

COME RIGHT IN!

The Golden Stroke

THERE are various ways of giving, just as there are different things to give. Indeed, the best giving does not always consist of money. There is, for instance, service. Yet many people in giving a little service fling it at the recipient so ungraciously that it is robbed of any blessing it would otherwise confer.

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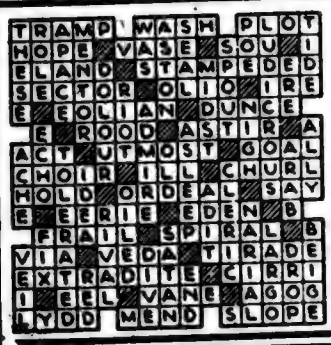

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Human Documents

Love Adrift

A Cad's Threat—Turning the Tables—Mistaken Pride

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"A FEW years ago I made the acquaintance of a girl who appeared to have a very sweet nature, and we became engaged to be married. She was then comfortably employed, but in order to be nearer to me, she changed her situation, making a considerable monetary sacrifice in doing so.

"After our engagement had proceeded for some months, a younger sister came on a visit and my fiancée's patronising and overbearing attitude towards her sister gave me, for the first time, a glimpse of something harsh and undesirable in her character.

"Almost unconsciously, I drew a comparison between the two sisters, which was by no means favourable to my fiancée; and if I had faced the matter squarely then I should have realised that my affections were drifting.

"With the departure of the younger girl, however, our engagement resumed its smooth course and we were happy enough together.

"RECENTLY there was a family reunion and again the disagreeable trait in my fiancée's character was strongly manifested. To put it briefly, the sisters quarrelled. My fiancée became sulky and withdrew herself, leaving me with her younger sister.

"When the time came to part, I no longer had any doubt that the latter had supplanted my fiancée in my affections.

"Now, my fiancée loves me dearly, and has made considerable sacrifices for my comfort. I am shortly to be appointed to a well-paid post, which she naturally expects will hasten our marriage.

"To be jilted in favour of her younger sister would cause her great pain and mortification, and I appear to be in duty bound to honour my promise and marry her.

"We might be moderately happy, but I cannot help feeling that the thought of the younger sister would always be present in my mind, and it is doubtful how successfully or how long I could dissemble my love.

"On the other hand, if I were to break my engagement and marry the younger sister, the thought of the wrong I had done my present fiancée would be a perpetual reproach and burden on my conscience. What am I to do?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I cannot assent to the theory that a man's affections are entirely beyond his control. There would be little happiness in the world if a man—or woman—normally drifted through life like a ship without motive, rudder or anchor, carried hither and thither by every gust of passion. You must set a course and steer by it; then such problems as yours will not arise. Anyway, you will do your fiancée a worse injury by marrying her without love than by telling her frankly the unstable condition of your heart and mind.*

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Trapped in a Flat

"AS a girl of twenty, I thought it would be good fun to allow a man who is rather above my station to take me about in his motor-car, but the man I thought was such a gentleman has turned out to be a thorough cad.

"So long as we went to theatres and dances and such public places I saw no sign of any vice in him. He told me that he was a lonely man and that it cheered him to have my company as a relaxation from his business worries.

"One day, however, he sent me an invitation to a card-party which he was giving in his flat that evening. I had been to several parties of the kind before so, of course, I accepted.

"On reaching the flat I discovered that this time it was to be a party of two, and it was not long before I found out his intentions in getting me there alone.

"I was able to resist him, but he became so furious that he said that, whether I yielded to him or not, he would keep me locked in the flat all night, and he actually did so.

"Of course, when at last I got home, I had to invent all sorts of lies to explain why I had been out all night, for my father is very strict.

"I have tried to avoid this well-dressed cad ever since, but now that he has heard that I am engaged to be married he is threatening that if I do not let him have his way he will put a stop to my engagement by telling my young man of the night spent in his flat."

"HUMANIST" says: *You made a very great mistake in not telling your father the truth in the first instance, for the cad who kept you locked in his flat all night committed a criminal offence in detaining you there against your will. Tell him now. I do not think you need to fear the threat; it would be too dangerous to carry it out.*

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Truth in the Glass

"SOON after serving a sentence of imprisonment, a young man started courting my sister. None of my people knew that he had ever been in disgrace, but as the courtship seemed to be getting serious I mentioned the matter to him. He begged me to say nothing, as he was determined to turn over a new leaf and I promised to keep silent.

"During a convivial evening a little while ago, I am sorry to say that I took a glass too many, and not realising what I was doing, I blurted out the whole truth to my sister.

"The strange thing is that instead of turning against him she has turned against me and my mother has done the same.

"This has led to so much unpleasantness at home that I have actually been asked to leave, the idea being, so far as I can see, that in a month or two my sister will marry this jail-bird and live in my place.

"Is there anything I can do to prevent myself being turned out of my home to make way for such an interloper?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I am not at all sure that the interloper is not deserving of sympathy. If he is honestly trying to live down the past and you when in drink have broken a solemn promise not to rake up his record, he is at least as deserving as you. Why not shake hands and bury your enmity?*

A GRAND way of helping lame dogs over stiles is to subscribe to "The Greatest of These ——" Fund. (See p. 36.)

GREAT PEN OFFER. (See page 2.)

"I AM an ex-Service man, whose physical constitution has been badly undermined by hardship and exposure, and although for a time following upon my discharge I received a small pension, it ultimately ceased, and on the supposition that my state of health was no longer attributable to my war service, I finished up with a gratuity and returned to my original pre-war work.

Spiting Himself

"For many months now my health has been very unsatisfactory, and it is almost impossible for me to work regularly.

"I have been in hospital and have been recommended a course of treatment, which, however, is beyond my means.

"In these circumstances, our vicar visited me and offered me a voucher that would enable me to commence this treatment, and it was arranged that my wife should call at the vicarage for it.

"When she went there, he informed her that he felt rather dubious about helping me as he had heard that I had been treating men to drink in a local public-house.

"She was so indignant that she refused to accept the cheque. On making enquiries, we discovered that this tale has been put about by a neighbour in a spirit of jealousy.

"I can get a score of witnesses to prove it is untrue, yet apparently I must refuse the help that was offered or demean myself and apologise for something I have not done in order to accept it."

"HUMANIST" says: *If you have a score of witnesses, you should have no difficulty in convincing the vicar that he has been misinformed, and I feel sure he will welcome evidence that he has been misled. Don't deprive yourself of the chance of health through mistaken pride.*

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Afraid of Father

"My father, who, having lived apart from my mother, has never kept me since I was a baby, has found out where I am working now that I am twenty, and waylays me on pay-days, demanding half my wages. He is such a bully that I am afraid of him."

"Humanist" says: *You are not responsible for your father's maintenance, unless he becomes chargeable to the guardians. If he molests you and demands money with menaces, call a man in blue.*

Two-edged Threats

"My daughter was born soon after I left the workhouse infirmary, where I had to go owing to my husband's desertion. He has since returned to me, but he threatens to tell the child that through me she narrowly escaped being a 'workhouse brat.'"

"Humanist" says: *A cruel threat, but a two-edged one. If he carried it out, the circumstances would have to be explained, and he would surely lose his daughter's respect. In any case, what disgrace is there in being born in an infirmary?*

Terror in the House

"My mother is in a state of terror. We want to be rid of an undesirable lodger, but whenever mother gives her notice she threatens to take her life."

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Cheltenham's Sporting Events—Ardvassar's Duel with Little Jim—The Big Double—Voluptuary's Amazing Feat

A MODERN Tennyson might be forgiven for saying, that "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of racing." With the advent of March, there is a certain liveliness in the air which is not surprising when one contemplates the good things in store.

NEXT week we have the National Hunt Headquarters Meeting, Cheltenham, and Hurst Park's Four Miles "National" trial race. A short respite before the Grand Military Meeting at Sandown, with its Imperial Cup, and then the Flat and the big double.

THE Cheltenham Meeting, which is rightly termed the Ascot of the N.H. Season, will be in full swing before my next notes appear. This year, in addition to the stakes, there is £10,000 in added money to be won—a record sum for a jumping meeting—and I cannot pass the fixture without referring to a couple of the events.

THE four-mile 'chase, on the second day, is almost as sporting as the Grand National. The race is for amateur riders only and is for horses that have never won a race of any description under N.H. conditions. As a rule, most of the runners are Point-to-Point horses, winners of this type of race, of course, being eligible. A special course is prepared for the event, and the jumps—unlike Aintree's big race—are only taken once.

A FEW years ago I put up Patsy V for JOHN BULL readers. He came up at a nice price, and later was fancied in some quarters for the National. I also coded Ardvassar who won a most exciting victory. Up to the last jump it was a ding-dong battle between my selection and Little Jim II. Both were dead-beat and they rose at the jump together. Little Jim crumpled up on landing and rested for several minutes. Ardvassar scrabbled up the rise to the winning post.

RORY O'MOORE, Gerald L, Conjuror II, and other good fencers have won Cheltenham's four-miles cross-country race and have made a bold bid for the National, but the only jumper to bring off the double has been Why Not. My tip this year is Royal Arch II.

THE other race I wish to mention is the National Hunt 'Chase of three miles and a quarter. It comprises a fine batch of Grand National horses, and the favourite is almost certain to be Amberwave or Koko, in spite of the latter's last fall from grace. I have been advised to take a chance with Tuskar, one that does not hold the Liverpool liability. Tuskar was backed to beat Koko and Master Billie at Sandown Park last time out and was fighting out the finish with Koko when he blundered at the final obstacle. He knows his way over the Cheltenham country and last year had the four-mile 'chase which I have referred to above at his mercy when his rider, Capt. McMullen, took the final fence too confidently and came down.

A CORRESPONDENT has hurled a brick at me for stating that only Aintree form matters and then making Carfax a selection. If a horse has never run at Liverpool it cannot be included in a form analysis, but, obviously, it is absurd to rule it out. As a matter of fact, since Lottery won the first National in 1839, forty-five of the winners have been horses competing for the first time.

GRAND NATIONAL OBSTACLES.

The following is a description of the obstacles the Grand National competitors who survive the four miles eight hundred and fifty-six yards must cross from the time the start is signalled. One to fourteen are jumped twice.

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3 & 19.—Thorn fence (fir), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. wide, with ditch on take off side 6 ft. wide, 2 ft. deep, banked up to guard rail 1 ft. 6 in. high in front of ditch.
4 & 20.—Thorn fence (gorse), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. wide.
5 & 21.—Thorn fence (gorse), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. 6 in. wide.
6 & 22.—"Becher's Brook," a thorn fence (fir), 4 ft. 10 in. high, 3 ft. 3 in. wide, with a natural brook on far side 5 ft. 6 in. wide.
7 & 23.—Thorn fence (gorse), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. 3 in. wide.
8 & 24.—The "Canal turn," a thorn fence (fir), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. 3 in. wide, ditch on take off side 6 ft. wide, 2 ft. deep, banked up to guard rail 1 ft. 6 in. high in front of ditch.
9 & 25.—"Valentine's Brook," a thorn fence (spruce), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. 3 in. wide, a natural brook on far side 5 ft. 6 in. wide.
10 & 26.—Thorn fence (gorse), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. wide.
11 & 27.—Thorn fence (fir), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. wide, ditch on take off side 6 ft. wide, 2 ft. deep, banked to guard rail 1 ft. 6 in. high in front of ditch.
12 & 28.—Thorn fence (gorse), 5 ft. high, 3 ft. wide, ditch on far side 5 ft. 6 in. wide, 4 ft. deep.
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14 & 30.—Thorn fence (fir), 4 ft. 7 in. high, 3 ft. wide.
15.—The "Open Ditch," a thorn fence (spruce), 5 ft. 2 in. high, 3 ft. 9 in. wide, ditch on take off side 6 ft. wide, 2 ft. 6 in. deep, and banked to guard rail 1 ft. 6 in. high in front of ditch.
16.—The "Water Jump," 15 ft. wide over all, with thorn fence (spruce) 2 ft. 6 in. high, 2 ft. 6 in. wide, 12 ft. 6 in. of water, 2 ft. 6 in. deep.

The Run-in, 494 yards.

Some old-timers will probably remember Voluptuary's victory in 1884. Prior to his win at Aintree he had never competed in a steeplechase.

M. Beary, who rides Orbindos

THERE is not much fresh Lincoln and National news. Amberwave's performance at Gatwick was more impressive than Trump Card's trick at Manchester. Both won very easily, but Trump Card had not much to beat. White Park settled my final selections by his fatal fall, but I was very sorry to see the end of this good 'chaser. In response to a number of requests I am giving the Grand National jumps this week. My selections for the big double now read—

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M. MARCEL BOUSSAC has now made a definite statement to my French Correspondent respecting his Lincolnshire entry, Cramick. He says that the horse is undoubtedly proving difficult to train, but they think the four-year-old may justify the faith reposed in him when he let connections down badly last season. "It is all a question of the horse being in a position to give of his best, but I am quite satisfied that he will win at least one good race," says the owner in summing up. This bears out my recent remarks about Cramick, and I repeat, if the going is soft, he is worth an each-way saver.

MY Northern Correspondent advises me to go for Tamaratten and Dix-Sept at Catterick this week. At Lingfield on Friday and Saturday I suggest Peace River, Volta's Pride, Fair Richard—each way—and Daring Boy.

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"Soccer" Selections

WEEK END COUPS.

6 HOME.—Birmingham, Everton, West Bromwich, Bradford, Southport, Glasgow Rangers.
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4 HOME.—Bolton, Stoke, Tranmere, Northampton.
3 AWAY.—Doncaster, Plymouth, Celtic.
3 DRAWS.—Sheffield Wed. v. Burnley, Brentford v. Newport, Luton v. Swindon.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Everton, Bradford, Glasgow Rangers, Celtic, Motherwell.
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—West Bromwich, Plymouth, Rotherham v. Accrington.
SPECIAL 5 HOME (LEAGUE I. AND II.).—Everton, Tottenham, Notts Co., Stoke, West Bromwich.

FORECASTS FOR MARCH 17.
THE LEAGUE (DIVISION I.)

HOME WINNERS.—Arsenal, Aston Villa, Bury, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Sheffield U., Sunderland.

AWAY WINNERS.—Bolton, Tottenham.
DRAWS.—Derby v. Huddersfield, Leicester v. Everton.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION II.).

HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Fulham, Hull, Leeds, Manchester C., Preston, South Shields, Wolverhampton.
AWAY WINNERS.—Stoke.
DRAWS.—Notts Forest v. Oldham, Swansea v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION III.).
(NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Accrington, Crewe, Darlington, Doncaster, Hartlepools, Lincoln.
AWAY WINNERS.—Tranmere, Rotherham.
DRAWS.—Ashington v. Wrexham, Halifax v. Bradford, New Brighton v. Stockport.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION III.).
(SOUTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Charlton, Gillingham, Merthyr, Newport, Plymouth, Queen's Park Rangers, Swindon.
AWAY WINNERS.—Exeter, Millwall, Northampton.
DRAW.—Coventry v. Brighton.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Bo'ness, Celtic, Dunfermline, Falkirk, Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Partick, Queen's Park.
DRAWS.—Hibernians v. Glasgow Rangers, St. Mirren v. Cowdenbeath.

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THE spirited and outspoken article written by Mr. A. G. Gardiner on the "Menace of Ink" (JOHN BULL, February 25) is certainly a revelation. Why should two or three individuals, whose only qualification is wealth, be allowed to manipulate the strings of the newspaper world to suit their own requirements and inclinations? That the Press, which is such a powerful agent in influencing the community at large, should have as its virtual owners these men is deplorable.—*G. B., Edmonton.*

Twin-headed Octopus

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. A. G. Gardiner for his exposition of the twin-headed octopus of the Press, by which public opinion is to-day drugged in accordance with the dictates of a small group of men, who are concerned not with the enlightenment of the people, but with the extension of power conferred by accumulated capital. His closing tribute to JOHN BULL fills one with thankfulness and relief.—*C., Lancs.*

Black Outlook

It will indeed be an intolerable state if we are to be regaled with views on national and general affairs by a mere two or three men. There is, however, one bright feature in the otherwise black outlook, and that is, we shall still have our independent and vigorous JOHN BULL to continue to put before us in a plain, straightforward manner an unbiased opinion of what really matters to the average thinking person.—*C., Warminster.*

Magnate Moulders

The trustification of the Press is, as Mr. Gardiner points out, a matter of vital concern to all thoughtful citizens. At the same time, I think that your contributor rather over-estimates the danger. There are numerous publications throughout Britain which are independent of the trusts, and, provided the public continue to support these "small owner" papers, one has but little to fear from a magnate-moulded mass opinion.—*L., Regent's Park.*

Bad Barons

The "bad old Barons" seem not to be extinct, and merely choose another way of wielding their power. But the public have the remedy in their own hands, and, to adapt Burns, we should say to ourselves before we place our newsagent's order, "The Press o' independent mind is King o' news for a' that."—*A. R. M., Glasgow.*

Grave Danger

Independent journalism, free and uncontrolled, is the finest type of journalism, but we are in grave danger of it being blotted out entirely. Who knows but that Fleet Street and not Westminster may govern us all in the future if the ramifications of the Trust Press are not cut short?—*G. G., Burnley.*

Thinking Not Put Out

It must not be assumed that people who buy papers agree with the views put forward by the respective papers. If we discount the people who buy the papers for sporting news, general news, pictures, competitions or the insurance offered, we have very few left who buy them for the political views put forward. Thinking for oneself is not yet a thing of the past.—*Marie, Ashton-under-Lyne.*

"John Bull" Daily

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The article by Mr. A. G. Gardiner ought to inspire everyone of the million and more readers of JOHN BULL with a determination not to rest until each had gained an additional subscriber to the paper which tells the truth without fear or favour.—*A. H., Mansfield.*

Dragooning Opinion

Mr. A. G. Gardiner says that he doesn't know the remedy for the menace underlying the trustification of the Press. Surely it lies in the hands of the public. By taking in only independent newspapers, and supporting those weekly papers such as JOHN BULL, with an open forum for the free expression of opinion, they will soon defeat this sinister effort to dragoon opinion for reactionary purposes. —*F. L. M., Bucks.*

Satisfied!

The article by Mr. E. Roffe Thompson (JOHN BULL, February 25) should be in the hands of every voter. It is apparent that the Government does not believe that the unemployment menace can be removed, as it tacitly admits by the Blakeborough report, which suggests provision for 600,000 workless people indefinitely. Its futility is apparent, and only prompt removal at the next election will revive hope in the hearts of those men who have no jobs, and their suffering wives and families.—*J. S., Gateshead.*

The Only Object

JOHN BULL is to be congratulated on publishing Baron Von Schoenaich's article on war resistance (JOHN BULL, February 25). As the thinking men of all nations are agreed that the League of Nations, as at present constituted, is nothing more than a gang of highly reactionary Governments, it is up to the British public to see that in future our delegates are real peacemongers who have no other interest in these international meetings than peace.—*P. J., Southsea.*

Printers' Pie

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Caught by Coronet

How is it that people are so easily dazzled by coronets at the head of companies by the wily promoters? When a business man wants to buy a ship, he does not look at the figurehead, but examines the hull behind it and the machinery. Then why don't people with money to invest look behind the gilded bait to see if there isn't a hook—or crook?—*C. W., Preston.*

Scandalous Query

I am a cotton-weaver. On application to the municipal authorities for a house to rent, I found that the main query was, "Are you and your wife both working?" I do not blame that attitude. Municipalities have to "pay their way." The fact remains that it is inevitable that both partners must work. Cotton workers take this for granted. On present rates with full work, a cotton-weaver cannot keep his wife at home.—*H. S., Nelson.*

Land the Solver

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Failing Farmers

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"John Bull" Reunion

That JOHN BULL has succeeded in reuniting Mr. and Mrs. Burgmeyer (February 25 issue) is surely one of the finest feats this public-spirited paper has accomplished for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Burgmeyer have been known to the writer for fifteen years. That William Burgmeyer is a German by birth does not mean that he is unfit to see his wife and child, and I am sure everybody in Aberdeen, at least those who know about the case (and they are legion), will be delighted that this devoted couple can now meet, as any couple ought to meet.—*A. S. I., Aberdeen.*

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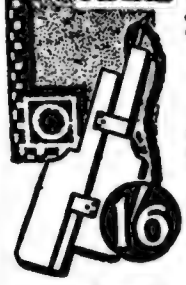

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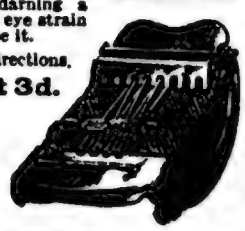

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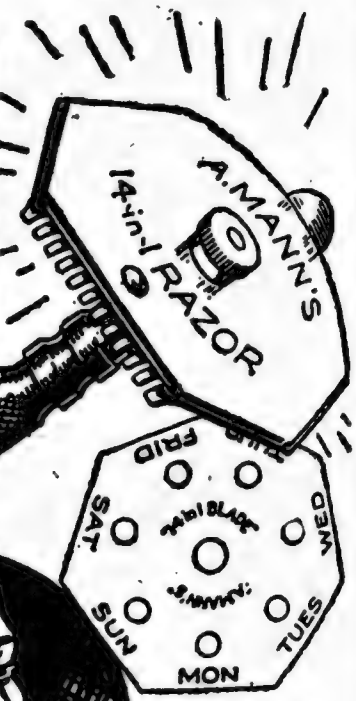

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JOHN BULL Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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SOME people, we are told, are never happy unless they are miserable. These must be those who fail to write to JOHN BULL'S *Free Advice Service when they are in trouble, and prefer to be worried. But there are thousands who have been wiser. They sent particulars of their trouble (written in ink), with stamped addressed envelope, and followed the expert advice given. They have never regretted it.*

Mrs. J. (Burton).—"I have two model ons." Working models, we trust?

C. T. (Ashton).—"What is the future f aviation?" It's in the air.

A. B. (Finchley).—"I want to die at ea." We've felt like that at sea.

A. B. (Markham).—"A bachelor looks efore he leaps." And then doesn't leap.

JESSIE (Acton).—"I long to make my reams come true." Then don't stop in ed after you are awake.

S. M. (Leadgate).—"Little girls should e seen and not heard." The bigger the irl the more she believes in being seen.

D. H. (Cardiff).—"How can I prevent ny fountain pen from leaking?" Don't ll it.

P. B. (Hull).—"I have given up sowing ny wild oats." Then you are growing age.

T. F. (Box).—"I try to do without the elp of others." And the more you try he less you'll need it.

C. J. (Swinton).—"Our water-spout as fallen down." That's one in the eye or the cat-burglar!

H. D. (Glasgow).—"Our baby is eveloping splendidly." Waddle, walk, oddle, talk?

M. B. (Colchester).—"I mean to grip our interest." The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been there before you.

A. M. (Becontree).—"There is hope of reduction in the income-tax." The ope is to be nipped in the Budget.

E. T. (Newcastle).—"Do you know the ind of world I want?" No, but we now you won't get it.

T. V. (Gillingham).—"Can you give me gardening hint?" Certainly. Always ipe your boots before re-entering the ouse.

J. T. (Felpham).—"I make a note of y bright thoughts." You must have islaid your notebook when you wrote to s.

H. H. (Yeovil).—"I admit my methods re somewhat loose." Then don't be surised if you find yourself in a tight rner.

T. W. (Mansfield).—"He robbed me all my cash, so I am going to a lawyer." o good going to a lawyer if you have no sh.

Miss D. (Hammersmith).—"What is a rl to do when a rival says things to ake her boil?" Just copy the kettle nd sing.

R. F. L. (Highgate).—"The population Greater London is increasing tre-endously." And the majority travel our line.

J. N. (Iver).—"Does an M.P. have to have brains?" Oh, no. Just votes.

Mrs. B. (Chichester).—"I don't look my age." Perhaps you overlook it.

B. E. (Pudsey).—"All men are liars." Some men go further and adopt the legal profession.

H. H. (Seven Kings).—"I am thinking of putting up as an M.P. What are the chief qualifications?" None!

Miss G. (Lewes).—"Fashions are funny things." And there are funny things in fashions.

L. F. (Tilbury).—"My wife is passionately fond of watching the shipping." Most wives love the great white sales.

Mrs. D. (Peckham).—"Sir, what is girl's dress coming to?" We suppose you mean, where is it going to?

W. N. E. (Putney).—"In the mornings she always looks as fresh as paint." Can make her?

L. L. (Tamworth).—"Love comes but once, not often." Yet sometimes it comes once too often.

S. C. (Marylebone).—"Where is all the oil we were to get from Mesopotamia?" In Mesopotamia.

Mrs. Z. (London, N.).—"You can't buy sweet jam tarts like they used to sell." Do you find the jam tart now?

S. N. (Devonport).—"Will the income-tax be reduced?" We doubt it. But it's positive that incomes will be reduced.

E. R. N. (Leyburn).—"The most stupid could not be expected to understand your articles." Still, we congratulate you for having tried.

W. T. (Kennington).—"JOHN BULL seems to be able to round up the worst of scoundrels." Yes; your turn will come any day now.

B. K. H. (Enfield).—"Unfortunately I lost my train two mornings running." We expect you ran a bit faster the third morning.

S. M. (Grantham).—"Where do you find the most unselfish men?" In the boxing ring. They would far rather give than receive.

Miss N. (Lancing).—"I told him what I thought of him. I told him——" Yes, yes; but we cannot give you the whole of the page.

R. M. (Didsbury).—"I met an M.P. the other day and he smiled genially." Everything seems to point to a General Election shortly.

L. N. (Fairisle).—"I traced my ancestors back so far and then stopped." It should be a lesson to you not to be curious.

A. N. (Tottenham).—"I'm going to give up smoking cigarettes." A good idea. Think of the money your friends will save you.

O. T. (Buxton).—"The birds are singing, the sun is shining and——" All right. All right. Send us a piece of wedding-cake when it's all over.

J. N. (Dover).—"I want to follow in Webb's footsteps and conquer the Channel." But dash it, the man didn't paddle across.

Miss E. (Kendal).—"'Once upon a time' is still the most popular opening for fairy tales." Though "I was detained at the office" runs it a good second.

B. T. (Settle).—"Lady drivers seem to want the whole road to themselves." And it's safer to let them have it.

E. D. (Ryde).—"I ran over her cat, but promised I would replace the animal." But can you catch mice?

A. B. (Aintree).—"I recite verse of my own composition to my friends." Then it's a wonder they still are.

B. T. (Hanley).—"Do you know why I wrote this poem?" No. Send us your excuse.

T. B. (Sevenoaks).—"I can always make money in a city." The population is denser there.

T. R. (Dudley).—"He kissed me before a whole room full of other girls." How nice to be first!

P. N. (London, N.).—"She smirked at me." Don't be unkind. She probably thought she was smiling.

A. N. (Yeovil).—"She's as sour as a lemon." Perhaps she's never been squeezed.

G. A. (Woking).—"Parliament is sitting." Yes, but will it hatch out anything worth while?

T. V. (Watford).—"My wife never indulges in gossip." What does she call it, then?

J. M. (Liverpool).—"A man can only fall in love once." And then he may find it is once too often.

F. M. (Smithfield).—"I dreamt that a clever man gave me advice." What did we say?

D. N. (Peckham).—"My maid works all day and doesn't seem to want to stop." Most maids don't want to stop.

S. P. (Edinburgh).—"Some women marry again." Film stars marry again and again and again.

F. M. (Paddington).—"I may not have a summer holiday." We may not have a summer.

Mrs. E. (Shields).—"Whenever I went into his room I noticed the gas escaping." We cannot blame it.

G. G. T. (Tollington).—"Why do people write blank verse?" Because their minds are.

J. T. (Dublin).—"I have something to say, but don't know how to say it." You are suffering from ingrowing ideas.

F. R. (Bulwell).—"I've a money-making idea, but I need a start." You can make 3,000 Guineas for a good idea in *Bullets* this week. A prize like that would give you two starts.

M. G. (Roehampton).—"I never drank a glass of beer in my life." Well, there is a lot to be said for a mug.

N. G. (Knutsford).—"I dreamt last night I had forgotten how to write; what does it portend?" That you have more sense asleep than awake.

Mrs. R. (Maidenhead).—"The conductors bawl out 'Leatherhead' right in my ear." What do you expect them to bawl, "Fishface"?

Mrs. W. (Matlock).—"I can't stop my little girl from calling all gentlemen daddy." Can't you teach her that daddy isn't a gentleman?

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M. H. G. (Poynton).—"Which is the worst race in the world?" Losers would tell you the Derby was.

Mrs. E. (Birkenhead).—"There is no insanity in my family." Your husband doesn't think he's boss?

Mrs. S. (Wells).—"The bread he sells us is terribly doughy." It certainly appears to make you very crusty.

H. R. (Leeds).—"I'll teach him to kiss my daughter." If he's a normal youth he won't want teaching.

P. L. (Oldham).—"What's the unforgivable sin?" Trumping your partner's ace.

H. H. (Wincobank).—"It thundered all the evening, but I never heard it." What was on? A domestic argument?

Mrs. E. (Parkgate).—"Is 13 really a fatal number?" Well, they say everybody born in the thirteenth century is now dead.

Miss T. (Clitheroe).—"You are the first editor who ever heard this story." Impossible. We weren't born when it was first told.

A. W. (High Barnet).—"He began life without shoes and now he has half a million." Goodness! Who cleans them?

J. T. (Hatfield).—"How can you tell a woman's age?" Think of a number, double it, subtract 6 for politeness and add seven to be on the safe side.

M. J. (Portsmouth).—"One of the sailors was so drunk that he actually squared up to the mainmast." We wonder he didn't try to box the compass as well.

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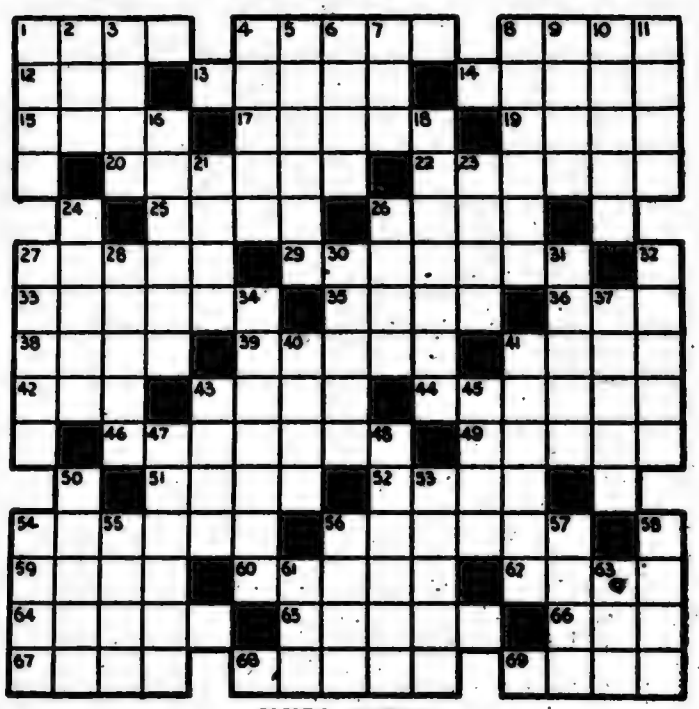

CLUES ACROSS

1. End.
4. Grain stalks.
8. Handle.
12. Atmosphere.
13. Leathern strip.
14. Rare article.
15. Ancient Sanskrit hymns.
17. Flowed gently.
19. Wooden hammer.
20. Immature.
22. Broken stones.
25. A brooch.
26. A gala.
27. Foundation.
29. End of a ship's yard.
33. Repented.
35. Near.
36. Serpent.
38. To lean.
39. Compose.
41. Preposition.
42. Single item.
43. Series of English strata.
44. Drawn up.
46. Tipsy.
49. French unit of solid measure.
51. S. American mountain range.
52. Difference between paper and metallic money.
54. Tubular opening.
56. The shore.
59. Heroic.
60. Tedium.
62. Comfort.
64. To rend.
65. In the beginning.
66. Male adults.
67. First principle.
68. To resist.
69. Hastened.

CLUES DOWN

1. Conserve.
2. Fasten.
3. Hindustani.
4. Apathetic person.
5. Memorial of victory.
6. To efface.
7. Monkey.
8. East Coast river.
9. Urchin.
10. Inane.
11. 5½ yards.
16. To consecrate by unction.
18. Mud-raising vessel.
21. Artifice.
23. One of U.S.A.
24. Morning.
26. Glass in the making.
27. A staff.
28. " . . . and heeled."
30. Aromatic plant.
31. Skin disease of horses.
32. Third part of an ode.
34. Shrink.
37. Rigid.
40. Dissolute person.
41. To chant.
43. Crescent shaped.
45. A continent.
47. Sour.
48. The universe.
50. Famous composer.
53. To broil.
54. A Hardy heroine.
55. Egyptian river.
56. To break short.
57. Moist.
58. Repair.
61. Born.
63. Observe.

The solution of our last week's puzzle will be found on page 29

A WARNING TO GIRLS.

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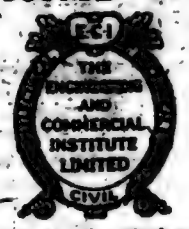

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If you have dandruff, or are losing hair, or if you are nearly or actually bald, use or copy the Coupon below

To JOHN HART BRITTAIN, Ltd., 2, Percy Street (53 LV), London, W.1

Please send me, post paid, Testing Box of KOTALKO, with directions, for which I enclose 3d. in stamps.

Name .....

Address .....

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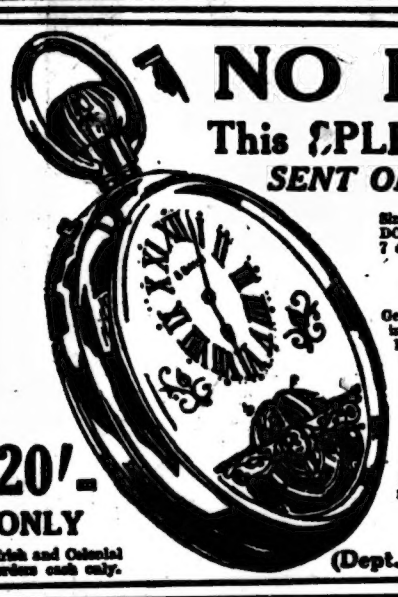
NO DEPOSIT



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SENT ON RECEIPT of a POSTCARD

Simply send us your name and address. A POSTCARD WILL DO, and we will send to approved orders this splendid watch on 7 days' absolutely FREE APPROVAL.

READ OUR BRIEF DESCRIPTION.

Gent's full size Keyless 8 day Lever Watch, stout case, Jewelled interchangeable lever movement with visible escapement of highest workmanship (3 prize medals). All latest improvements including safety catch to prevent overwinding. Each watch carefully adjusted to keep accurate time. Only wants winding once a week. Fully guaranteed.

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Example:—" Yes, Darling!"
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Example:—A Submarine
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Example:—Tommy's Friend
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3,000

an Ideal Home or—

THIS MODERN HOUSE COMPLETE FURNITURE MOTOR-CAR AND 1000 GUINEAS

LAST WEEK

THE "IDEAL HOME" PRIZE VALUE 3,000 GUINEAS, HOLDS FOUR-FOLD ATTRACTIONS:—

(1) Freehold House built to winner's requirements on suitable site.
(2) Complete furniture, to be chosen by winner from the showrooms of a famous London Furnishing House.
(3) Clyno 4-seater Touring Car, value £220, complete with licence and insurance paid for twelve months.
(4) Cheque for 1,000 GUINEAS.

Who will be the Winner?

WHEN *Bullets* Competition made its bow to the public in the autumn of 1912, nobody could have anticipated that the modest First Prize of £100 originally offered would have grown in fifteen years to one of the colossal value of 3,000 Guineas. Competition history is being made this week—and some JOHN BULL reader is going to be made as well.

The names of thousands of big *Bullets* prize-winners have already appeared in these pages. Now we are seeking a competitor to head the current prize-list as the winner of a record prize—the JOHN BULL Ideal Home, Furniture, Motor-car and 1,000 Guineas.

You may have had little or no success in *Bullets* in the past, but that is no reason why you should not be the victor in this big prize-fight. There is no knowing who may hit upon the First Prize *Bullet*—all entrants have an equal opportunity.

But you must act *at once* if you would be the winner of *Bullets* Biggest Ever. You have only until Thursday, March 15, to make your bid for *Bullets* fame and a fortune of 3,000 Guineas!

2,000 CASH PRIZES NEXT WEEK

OTHER PRIZES

£250 | £50 | 20 or £5 | 200 OF 5/- | 2000 OF 2/6

Your "Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 15.
Bullet _____
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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on next page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
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Your full name and address should appear on each coupon.

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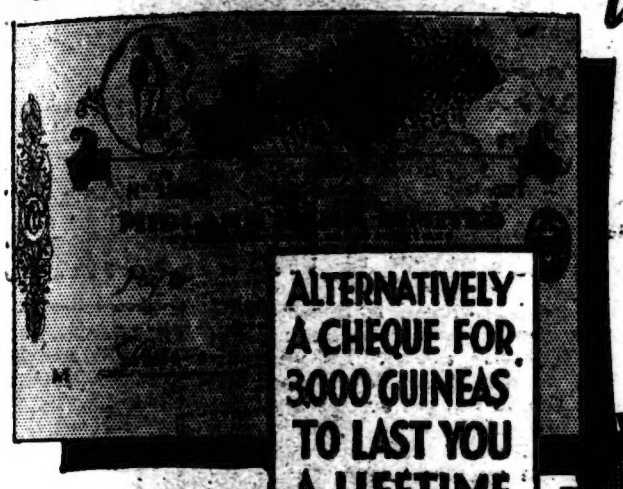
BULLETS' FIRST PRIZE!

an Ideal Cheque!



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BIGGEST OFFER EVER MADE

AN "IDEAL CHOICE" FOR 3,000 GUINEAS MAY BE CHOSEN BY THE WINNER INSTEAD OF THE "IDEAL HOME" PRIZE.

Have you considered the wonderful and almost limitless possibilities which such a colossal sum would bring within your reach?

Whatever your plans may be, get to work on your "Bullets" at once and the biggest of six hundred and sixty-nine First Prizes may be yours!

LAST WEEK

BULLETS

TO BE WON

100 at £1	£25	£100
15,000 TARGET PRIZES		

Read these Rules

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

4. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

The original cheque for £3360 awarded to Mr. F. Bryant in Competition No. 666 will be shown in the window of Mr. Fowler, 678, Chesterfield Road, Woodseats, Sheffield.

PLEASE POST EARLY IF YOU CAN. You can help us by posting early, but all "Bullets" entered in time receive the same careful adjudication.

Address Coupons "Bullets" No. 669, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

How To Make "Bullets."

THERE is nothing difficult about *Bullets*. All you have to do is this. Select any of the *Examples* below—then give any TWO, THREE, or FOUR words with some bearing upon it. The following specimen "Bullets" have all won four-figure prizes:—

Example:—OVERFLOWING
Bullet:—APARTMENTS — COMPARTMENTS —AND DEPARTMENTS.
Example:—ARMAMENTS RACE
Bullet:—"ARREST"—DON'T "RUN IN."
Example:—ALL WRONG
Bullet:—"CROSSES" MARKING CIVILISATION'S MISTAKES.

Enclose a postal order at the rate of 6d. for each coupon used—*see Rule 2*.

EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" 669.

OUR LAND
PEACE ON EARTH
WHEN BRITAIN SPEAKS
SOMETHING TO REMEMBER
BEST OF ALL
MISS AMERICA
BONDS OF MATRIMONY
PENNY POST
GODS OF WAR
HASTILY
SHOCK FOR THE GOVERNMENT
MORE WORK
GIRL HE LOVES
TRADE BAROMETER
CARVING A CAREER
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
WHEN CHILDREN GROW UP
RAIL OR ROAD
SWORD OF JUSTICE
FOR YOUTH
LOVE AND KISSES
MAN WITH A MILLION
GLORIOUS
SOME PEOPLE SAY
OUR PRISONS
ALWAYS
NATURE'S PRICE
IF SHE WERE A MAN
CLIMBING THE HILL
MODERN BABY
LOYALTY
HIGH AND LOW
SMART SET
DOING THINGS
ARMY AND NAVY
BETTER FOR EVERYBODY
WHAT'S WRONG WITH PARLIAMENT
MAKING SPEECHES
IN LIFE'S DRAMA
WHAT IS THE BUDGET?

Cut coupons out separately and fill them up clearly.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 15.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed _____
Address _____

If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 15.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____

(669) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.

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Address _____

She suffered with

VARICOSE ULCERS

"I'm always trying," says the sufferer, "but nothing seems to really help me." That is precisely why this series of advertisements were prepared. Germolene is *constantly* proving effective where *other ointments and treatments completely fail.* We know what disappointment to the sufferer means. Germolene will not fail you.

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For Ulcers, Bad Legs, Eczema, Ringworm, Burns, Scalds and Cuts—any skin trouble in fact — there is no finer treatment. Germolene makes a wound *surgically clean.* It does not smart. At once cools the wound and soothes the pain; and contains quick healing properties for the skin tissues. Use and recommend Germolene for all skin troubles.

One tin completely healed

For nearly six months I was in awful agony from Varicose Ulcers on the leg. I TRIED SEVERAL REMEDIES, but all to no avail. Then I saw Germolene advertised, and purchased one box and one package of Germolets. Before either of these were entirely used my leg had completely healed.

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A splendid tonic if your skin is ailing or complexion poor. You will quickly notice the improvement

Germolene is the most effective treatment for—

Eczema
Infectious rashes, acne and sores. Rely on Germolene to relieve irritation and clear the skin.

Ulcers
abscesses and other ailments arising from blood impurities—take Germolets to cleanse the blood and apply Germolene — hundreds have testified to the success of this treatment.

Bad Leg
Germolene has scored many notable triumphs in the treatment of bad leg. Full directions are given in the little booklet included with every tin of Germolene.

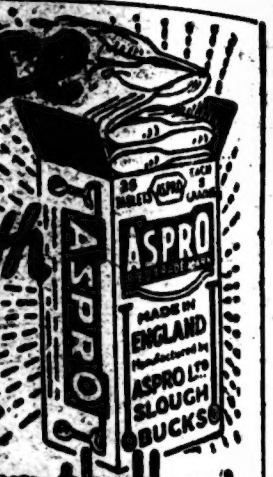
Rashes
and impetigo — every mother should prove the value of Germolene, it is also most efficacious in cases of ringworm.

Scalds
Smear with Germolene and all the smarting and the pain will subside and the danger of blood poisoning will be prevented.

Cuts
Safety first — apply Germolene. Many have had cause to regret neglect of a small cut or scratch.

Germolene
ASEPTIC SKIN DRESSING
1/3 and 3/- A Veno Product

Do not confuse 'ASPRO' with tablets recommended as "Just as good"



'ASPRO' does NOT Harm the Heart

Wherever 'ASPRO' has been introduced it has rapidly taken the place of ordinary aspirin and ousted the usual category of dangerous and doping drugs. Its purity—its quick action in soothing pain—the fact that it does not deaden, dope or drug—creates no nausea or craving, has stamped 'ASPRO' as in a class of its own—giving quick results where others fail. 'ASPRO' helps all—old and young. After ingestion in the system 'ASPRO' is an internal antiseptic, a powerful germicide, anti-fermentative and antipyretic. These qualities give it a great variety of uses, making 'ASPRO' an ideal medicine for the home for all kinds of aches and pains, colds and influenza, etc.

MUCH SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER FORM OF ASPIRIN TABLET, SAYS DOCTOR

SOMERSET. —18/12/27

I have been using 'ASPRO' for my family and find it very much superior to any other form of aspirin tablet.
—M.D.

Read this → *This Lady Could Not Take Ordinary Aspirin But 'ASPRO' SAVED HER.*

17/1/28. Premier Theatre, Brierfield, BURNLEY.
Pavilion, Rusholme, MANCHESTER.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to tell you of the wonderful relief I have had from 'ASPRO.' After a serious operation I suffered for years with headaches and sickness, till a friend of mine in the profession recommended me 'ASPRO.' They have entirely removed my trouble, and whenever I feel a slight touch of a headache or sickness I take an 'ASPRO' and get immediate relief. I have given lots away to my friends to try them, and they, like me, have found 'ASPRO' splendid. I always have them by me both at the theatre and home.

My main reason for writing this is to ask why, when you ask for 'ASPRO' at a Chemist's, he tries to sell you Aspirin instead. I DARE NOT TAKE ASPIRIN, as if I take a quarter of one they drug me, and nothing will induce me to take them.

'ASPRO' does me the world of good and I shall always stick to them, so much so that I do not often have to take them now, but I always keep them by me for the benefit of others. (Signed) R. CHARLES (Miss).

Any Reputable & Reliable CHEMIST OR GROCER With Patent Medicine License SELLS & STOCKS 'ASPRO'

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13. It can be taken any time, in Tube, Train, at Home, at Business—anywhere — everywhere.
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STOP THAT COLD TO-NIGHT WITH 'ASPRO'

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